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IMPORTANT SPEECH IN CANTON.

SUGGESTS FORMING CANTON-HONGKONG COMPANY.

RADIO CO-OPERATION.

Probably the most important speech which H.E. the Governor of Hongkong delivered during his visit to Canton was that at the banquet given by the Canton General Chamber of Commerce, the full text of which is given below.

In the course of his speech, Sir Cecil Clementi removed some misconceptions in regard to the suggested construction of a loop line linking the Canton-Kowloon and Canton-Hankow Railways; made a plea for the inauguration of civil aviation between Canton and Hongkong; and stressed the desirability of developing wireless between the two centres, especially photographic telegrams. His Excellency also dealt with the question of excessive taxation of merchandise whilst in transit. It is interesting to recall that on to-morrow night's report, Mr. M. J. Breen, Postmaster General of Hongkong; Mr. L. H. King, wireless expert, and other officers, are leaving for Canton to discuss with the Administration there details of the suggested improved wireless facilities between Hongkong and Canton.

His Excellency's Speech.

His Excellency the Governor spoke in English, the speech being interpreted by the Hon. Dr. Kotowall. He said: Mr. Wu Tsung-long, I thank you very sincerely for the magnificent entertainment you have already provided; I understand that the entertainment is by no means over, because from here we are going on to see theatricals and shall be entertained almost until the morning. I appreciate more than I can say this opportunity of meeting the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and I understand that there are representatives of all the seventy-two guilds here tonight.

On an occasion such as this I feel bound to speak a few words on the subject of commerce. The whole raison d'être of Hongkong is commerce, and the purpose for which Englishmen are in China is trade. Therefore, it is very important for us as well as for you that trade should flourish.

Now there are many things which contribute towards making trade prosperous, and among them I should like to mention this evening three principal factors. The first is security, the second is communication, and the third is reasonable taxation. I should like, with your permission, to say a few words on each of these three subjects.

I need not dwell at length on the subject of security, because you all know and are personally acquainted with our sufferings under the menace of Bolshevism and Communism, under the menace of strikes and boycotts, and under the menace of pirates and brigands. Well, I wish to express my deep gratitude to the present Canton administration for the steps they have already taken to suppress Bolshevism and Communism, which have practically disappeared from Kwangtung and will never dare to raise their heads again while Marshal Li is in control. Strikes and boycotts are also a thing of the past, and Marshal Li is now taking vigorous steps to eradicate pirates and brigands.

Railway Questions.

The next point I wish to touch upon is the importance of trade of good lines of communication, and in this connexion I wish to say a few words on the railway communications of this province. There has been a good deal of misunderstanding as to the views which are entertained in Hongkong on the subject of what we call the loop-line railway round Canton, that is to say the proposed connexion between the Kowloon-Canton Railway and the Canton-Hankow Railway. I know that it is the earnest desire of the Canton Government, and it is also the earnest desire of the Hongkong Government, that the Canton-

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FRENCH AIR LINER DISASTER.

FORCED DOWN IN CHANNEL BY SNOW SQUALL.

OCCUPANTS DROWNED.

London, Mar. 11. A French Air Union passenger air-liner met with disaster over the English Channel to-day, the machine being forced down by a heavy snow squall.

The plane was engaged on the London-Paris service, but happened to be carrying no passengers, the only occupants being the pilot and a mechanic. Both were drowned.

Their bodies were picked up by a cross-channel steamer, which also salvaged the wrecked machine.

Dead Among Wreckage.

London, Mar. 11. A French aeroplane carrying freight, but no passengers, on the service from Paris to Croydon came down in the Channel to-day in a fierce snowstorm.

It is understood that the pilot named Schmutz, sent out a wireless message that he was descending. His message was picked up by the North Foreland and Boulogne stations and broadcast, his approximate position being given. The cross-channel steamer, the Maki of Orleans, went at full speed to the spot and found both the pilot and the mechanic dead among the wreckage.

LESS ANXIETY ABOUT IRAK.

IBN SAUD MULCTS RAIDING SHEIKH.

Jerusalem, Mar. 11. A sign bearing out the Bedouin disability in the complexity of Ibn Saud, the King of the Hedjaz, in the attacks on the Transjordanian tribes, is reported from Amman.

It is stated that Firhanibum Ash-hur, who was responsible for one of the attacks in February has been captured and imprisoned in jail, forced to disgorge his booty and to pay the injured tribes blood-money.

Sudden Change.

The latest reports from Syria indicate that 13,000 Wahbis are concentrated at Tebuk, three days from Maan.

They threaten to capture Maan and Akaba.

Basra, Mar. 12.

In the event of an Arab attack on Kuwait, a thousand British marines are ready in addition to the Air Force.

TOWING SINGAPORE DOCK.

CONTRACT PLACED WITH DUTCH FIRM.

London, Mar. 12.

The Morning Post this morning states that the Admiralty has placed the contract for the tow of the great floating dock to Singapore for the naval base with the Dutch firm, the Smit Company, of Rotterdam.

The dock will have to be towed from England to Singapore, and Mr. Swan, the managing director of Messrs. Swan, Hunter and Richardson, in an interview said that the Smit firm was the only one in the world capable of undertaking the contract at a reasonable price.

Drizzle or Mist.

The Royal Observatory's Weather Report states:—The anticyclone has strengthened and is central near Nanking. The depression is moving eastward into the Pacific. Fresh to strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east of China and over the northern portion of the North China sea. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, fresh; overcast, some drizzle or mist.

CANTON THEATRE FRACAS.

ATTACK BY ANGRY TROOPS.

PLACE RANSACKED & MONEY TAKEN AWAY.

EXCITING INCIDENT.

According to a report in a vernacular newspaper, a serious fracas occurred on Saturday afternoon at the big Chinese theatre, Lock Shin, situated in the Sai-kyan district, Canton, following trouble which broke out between the management of the theatre and some troops. As a result, a band of more than 100 soldiers launched an attack on the theatre, ransacking the place and decamping with booty valued at \$1,000.

According to Canton reports, the trouble originated when four soldiers attempted to enter the theatre without tickets. At the entrance, they were stopped by the ticket collectors, who informed them that as it was after five o'clock, it would be useless for them to go inside, as the afternoon performance had concluded. However, the soldiers persisted, and a quarrel ensued. Ultimately, the soldiers went away, threatening to come back with more men.

Foik Captured.

At 7.30 the same evening, when the night session was in progress, about thirty soldiers arrived at the theatre and demanded that the management produce the ticket collectors who had refused the soldiers admittance earlier in the day. It so happened that one of the folk of the theatre was at this time leaving the place to buy some articles and when he emerged, he was seized by the soldiers, who assaulted him and took him back to their headquarters.

The management of the theatre immediately telephoned to the police and the latter arrived on the scene, arresting one of the ring-leaders of the trouble and dispersing the others.

Theatre Rushed.

At about nine o'clock the same evening, a much larger party of soldiers, more than three hundred in all, armed with iron bars and wooden weapons, arrived on the scene and soon started to throw stones and other missiles into the theatre, shouting that they wanted to fight.

A signal was then given by one of the soldiers' leaders, and an attack on the theatre ensued. However, the two main entrances were promptly shut and this prevented the soldiers from entering the main part of the theatre, where the performance was being witnessed by more than a thousand spectators.

However, the soldiers continued to attack the theatre with iron bars and eventually they succeeded in gaining an entrance through a side door, which led them to the theatre office. As the soldiers rushed in, all the men on duty at the office took to their heels.

Theatre Ransacked.

The soldiers then proceeded to ransack the place, and later decamped with clothing and other belongings of the folk of the theatre, as well as a few hundred dollars of the ticket-money, the whole being valued at \$1,000.

The affair has been reported to the headquarters of the Canton Garrison. It is believed that the soldiers were from units recently returned from the East River.

NAVAL SQUADRONS COMING.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL SOON DUE HERE.

It is officially announced to-day that Hongkong will shortly have a visit from part of the United States Asiatic Fleet. Admiral Bristol, the U.S. Commander-in-Chief in Asiatic waters, is to arrive in the Colony aboard his flagship in about a fortnight's time, and accompanying him will be several destroyers. As previously announced, a big Japanese naval squadron is due here early next month.

BRITISH MINISTER BANQUETTED.

BINDING BRITAIN AND CHINA CLOSER TOGETHER.

NANKING GOODWILL.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 12.

At an official banquet given by Mr. Quo Tui-chi to Sir Miles Lampson last night, a marked atmosphere of cordiality prevailed.

Mr. Quo Tui-chi, the Nanking Foreign Minister, declared that the visit of Sir Miles Lampson would strengthen the traditional bonds between Britain and China. The Chinese fully appreciated the attitude of the British Government and people towards China.

General Chang Ting-fan, the Mayor of Greater Shanghai, rejoiced that the misunderstandings between Britain and China were now dissipated. The Chinese, he said, were anxious to trade peacefully, to co-operate with the British, and to effect closer relations.

China desired this the more as Britain represented the earliest foreign friendship to China.

Sir Miles Lampson stressed the liberal spirit which would, he said, ensure the ultimate general settlement which is pending. Questions of commerce depended on mutual respect and understanding, confidence and goodwill. In conclusion, Sir Miles quoted Confucius's motto of honesty and patience.

BIG QUAKE FELT IN HONGKONG.

MOST SEVERE EVER RECORDED LOCALLY.

ORIGIN 1,500 MILES OFF.

In the early hours of Saturday morning, the most severe earthquake ever recorded by the Hongkong seismographs occurred about 1,500 miles from the Colony, though details of the direction are not yet available.

The vibrations at the most severe stage of the disturbance lasted for nearly half a minute, the nature of the recording being detailed in the following statement issued by Mr. T. F. Claxton, director of the Royal Observatory: "During an earthquake which occurred on the morning of March 10, the movements of the pendulums were the greatest recorded by the Hongkong seismographs. The longitudinal waves began at 2h. 12m. 21s. (Hongkong Standard Time), the transverse waves at 2h. 16m. 40s. and the surface waves at 2h. 17m. 50s.

"The maximum movement occurred at 2h. 27m. 30s. in a N.S. direction, the amplitude being 98 millimetres. The maximum movement in an E.W. direction occurred at 2h. 26m. 0s., the amplitude being 78 mm. The time of vibration during the most active part of the disturbance was 28s.

"The initial movement was 2.0 mms. to South and 2.5 mms. to West, and the origin was about 2,500 kms. from Hongkong."

BRITAIN'S FAITH IN LEAGUE.

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN AND EGYPT.

London, Mar. 11. Sir Austen Chamberlain reached London to-night from Geneva. On the way he had a short conversation at the station in Paris with Lord Crowe.

Discussing League affairs with journalists before leaving Geneva, the British Foreign Secretary said he had been hoping to welcome Egypt as a new member in their midst. Unfortunately, the Egyptian Government had rejected the treaty which he and Sarwat Pasha had together drafted.

Nevertheless the proposal that Britain had made to refer to the free decision of the League Council at the end of ten years the important question of the disposition of British troops in Egypt, remained on record as a testimony to the sincerity of Britain's faith in the League.

KING AMANULLA'S WELCOME.

BRITISH ENTERTAIN ROYAL VISITOR.

EXCEPTIONALLY INTERESTING ARRANGEMENT.

FLEET MANOEUVRES.

London, Mar. 11. The welcome being prepared for the King and Queen of Afghanistan, who arrive in London on Tuesday, is of an exceptional nature, every possible arrangement to make the visit interesting having been considered.

They will cross to Dover, from Calais and, in mid-Channel, the vessel on which they are making the journey will be met by four destroyers and five fighter aeroplanes, which will escort them to harbour. At Dover, the Royal visitors will be greeted by salutes from the shore batteries.

After the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Afghan Minister has boarded the vessel and greeted the visitors on behalf of the King and Queen, he will present the British suite specially attached to them for the period of the State Visit.

British Suite.

Among those in attendance on King Amanullah will be Field Marshal Viscount Allenby, while in attendance on Queen Souraya will be Lady Amphil, Lady Humphreys and Colonel Fraser.

On landing, King Amanullah will inspect a Navy Guard of Honour and receive an Address from the Mayor of Dover.

When the Royal visitors are met at Victoria by the King and Queen and their sons, the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary, Secretary for India and other ministers will be among those present.

Visit to Cenotaph.

The Royal Procession to Buckingham Palace will give thousands an opportunity of seeing King Amanullah and his Queen, who will later in the day visit the Cenotaph and the grave of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey, returning via St. James' Palace where Civic Addresses of welcome will be presented to them. At night, there will be a State Banquet in their honour at Buckingham Palace.

On Wednesday morning, King Amanullah will receive the Ambassadors and Ministers accredited to the Court of St. James at Buckingham Palace.

On Wednesday, the City of London will entertain the King and Queen to luncheon at the Guildhall and in the evening, there will be a dinner at the Foreign Office. Queen Souraya will not attend, but with Queen Mary, will be present at a performance at Drury Lane Theatre.

Novel Naval Entertainment.

Some of the most interesting experiences awaiting King Amanullah will be provided by the Royal Navy. When he motors from London to Portsmouth on March 19th, he will embark on the submarine L22, which will convey him to Southampton.

En route the submarine will dive and do torpedo practice, King Amanullah himself firing torpedoes.

Later, when he visits the Atlantic Fleet at Portsmouth on April 3rd, he will see an impressive spectacle of target practice with great guns as well as a realistic naval attack.

LANCASHIRE AND RAW COTTON.

IMPROVEMENT WHILE EASTERN COUNTRIES DROP.

London, Mar. 11. A trade turn favourable to Lancashire is revealed by the returns of the International Cotton Federation for the six months ended January 31st.

An increase in the world consumption of raw cotton by 258,000 bales as compared with the corresponding six months last year, is reported, and it is notable that Britain's increase during the same comparative periods was 105,000 bales of cotton, while the consumption of India, China and Japan decreased.

HUNDREDS BURIED ALIVE.

TERRIBLE LANDSLIDE IN BRAZIL.

MOUNTAIN COLLAPSE.

Memories of the Po Hing Feng disaster in Hongkong, which though on a much smaller scale, involved a heavy toll of lives, are conjured up by cables from Rio de Janeiro of a terrible disaster at Santos, Brazil, a town on the lower slopes of Mount Montserrat.

Houses went down like a pack of cards and hundreds were buried while lying asleep. It is believed that over two hundred were killed, crushed under millions of tons of earth.

Troops were rushed to the scene and messages from Rio stated that over two thousand were engaged feverishly in clearing the ruins and searching for victims. Further details are given in a message received this morning.

Rio de Janeiro, Mar. 11. The side of the mountain collapsed without warning during the night, and a cascade of earth and stones crashed into the streets of Santos, burying the dwellings and trapping the inhabitants in their beds.

Rescue workers have been searching for hours, and over 150 bodies have already been brought out.

The hospital at Santa Rosa is believed to have suffered heavily.

Reuter's American Service.

ANNIVERSARY OF DR. SUN'S DEATH.

OBSERVANCES IN CANTON TO-DAY.

To-day is the third anniversary of the death of Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the founder of the Kuomintang and "the Father of the Chinese Republic."

In Canton, the day is being celebrated by the holding of memorial services, the delivering of speeches by students and the carrying out of big parades along the main thoroughfares of the city. The day is a general holiday for all public organisations, Government offices and newspapers.

Kuomintang members in Canton are holding a big memorial service at the Namkwan Theatre. Most of the Chinese newspaper offices in Hongkong are observing the day as a holiday.

FORMER BISHOP OF LIVERPOOL.

DEATH OF DR. CHAVASSE.

London, Mar. 11. The death occurred to-day of the Right Rev. Dr. Francis James Chavasse, one-time Bishop of Liverpool, at the age of 82 years.

[The deceased, who was a son of the late Dr. Thomas Chavasse, F.R.C.S., was educated at Oxford, where he took first-class honours in law and history. He was curate at St. Paul's, Preston, from 1870 to 1873; Vicar of St. Paul's, Upper Holloway, from 1873 to 1878; Rector of St. Peter le Bailey, Oxford, from 1889 to 1900; and Bishop of Liverpool from the latter year until 1923.]

STABBING AFFAIR.

FOUR MEN DETAINED BY POLICE.

The police are detaining four men in connexion with a stabbing affair which took place on Saturday.

According to information supplied to the police yesterday by the victim, who is now in the Government Civil Hospital, he was accosted by four men, whom he knew. These men demanded \$6 from him. As he did not owe them any money, he refused to pay the sum demanded, whereupon the four men set on him, one of them stabbing him with a dagger.

The incident took place in Ping Chau Road, Ping Chau, at 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

FIENDS AT WORK IN LEIYANG.

REFUGEES TELL TALE OF HORROR.

CITY BURNED TO GROUND AND POPULACE MASSACRED.

COMMUNIST TERROR.

Once a flourishing city of over 500,000 inhabitants, Leiyang, in the south of Hunan just over the Kwangtung border, is now in ruins, scarcely one building being left standing by the Communist hordes which captured the city in the latter part of February and carried out a horrible reign of terror until driven out by Marshal Pei Chung-hsi last week.

Two hundred refugees who escaped to Hongchow, on the Kwangtung border, have a fearful tale to tell of the orgy of burning and slaughter, much of which is too dreadful to put into print.

The first act of the communist rabble on entering Leiyang was to set fire to buildings at every corner of the city. They followed this up by selecting all the best buildings for destruction and systematically proceeded to burn them down on the plea that they had been erected by, and were the property of, a "rotten gentry."

Mat Huts Share Fate.

Within a few days most of the substantial buildings were nothing but blackened ruins, but with appetites whetted, the terrorists gradually descended the scale until at last only the mat huts of the very poorest people were left. Even these were too much for the uncontrollable fiends who carried out the orgy of rapine and destruction, and gradually they were destroyed until in the end nothing was left to burn.

The method adopted to ensure complete burning of all buildings was to pump a mixture of powdered sulphur and kerosene on to the building before applying flame. As soon as a fire was well started, "Red" troops in other parts of the city commenced a murderous campaign, stole everything that was portable, and set fire to what they could not carry away.

Holocaust of Victims.

Districts were selected, and guards were posted preparatory to setting fire to these sections and when fire was applied the poor people inside were forced to remain there to be burned. Hundreds perished in the flames.

In one case that of the Kin Chien temple priests to the number of three hundred were tied up inside, and the doors fastened and chained before the building was set on fire. All were burned to death, without a single exception.

All Crops Destroyed.

The next in the order of destruction were schools and grain fields. The former were all burned and everything unburnable destroyed "because they belonged to the intellectual classes," and the springing corn and other crops were destroyed because the fields belonged to the rich. Every public organisation of whatever nature has been utterly destroyed.

They did not limit their awful activities to the killing of individuals but murdered whole families at a time. When they first commenced killing they looked for all wearing a long gown. They did not kill these unfortunates outright, but took out their eyes and cut off their ears, and then left them to roam the streets for a day or two before finally killing them. Many of them lay in the roadway for a long time before they died.

When all the long gownned people had been killed they turned in their lust for blood on those who sold refreshments and murdered those on the plea that they had been acting as spies for the enemies of communism.

Drowned in Manure.

One eye-witness states he saw several Communists go to a peasant who was planting his vegetables, and asked him to enlist in the Communist army.

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FAREWELL MESSAGES.

SIR CECIL & LADY CLEMENTI THANK CANTON.

The following telegrams were despatched when H.E. the Governor sailed from Canton:
From Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. Tarantula.

To Marshal Li Chai-sum, Canton.
—Your kindness and hospitality have known no bounds and I am most grateful to Your Excellency, to Your Excellency's Government and to the people of Canton for this welcome. I have thoroughly enjoyed visiting Canton after so long an absence, and I look forward to many more pleasant meetings with Your Excellency. Please accept my wishes for the happiness and prosperity of the Liang Kuang Provinces.—Clementi.

From Lady Clementi in H.M.S. Tarantula.

To Mrs. Li Chai-sum, Canton.
I wish to express my sincere thanks for the courtesy and kindness which you have shown me during my delightful visit to Canton. All that I have seen has been most interesting, and the friendship evinced by you and all the ladies I have had the pleasure of meeting will always dwell in my mind. To Mrs. Li Man-yan especially I ask to be gratefully remembered.—Penelope Clementi.

Sir C. Clementi in H.M.S. Tarantula.

To Mr. Chu Chao-hsin, Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Canton.
Please allow me to thank you most cordially for the elaborate and most pleasant arrangements made for my comfort and enjoyment during my visit to Canton. I feel that the heavy detailed work must largely have fallen upon you and I am most grateful. The interchange of visits between Marshal Li and myself testifies to the solidarity of the mutual interests of Canton and Hongkong and to the renewal of firm friendship between our two countries.—Clementi.

Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. Tarantula.

To Mr. Lam Man-koi, Mayor of Canton.

Please allow me on my departure from Canton to thank you once more for your sumptuous entertainment and for the warmth of your welcome. I much admired the municipal progress made in Canton since the days when I lived there myself, and I wish the municipality of Canton all success in its beneficent activities.—Clementi.

Sir Cecil Clementi in H.M.S. Tarantula.

To Mr. Wu Tsung-tong, Chairman of the Canton Chamber of Commerce.

On my departure from Canton I wish again to express to you the pleasure which it gave me to meet the Canton Chamber of Commerce, and to thank you for your hospitable welcome. May trade relations between Canton and Hongkong become more and more intimate with every passing year; may there always be the friendliest co-operation between Chinese and British merchants in Kwangtung, and may the future be full of happiness and prosperity.—Clementi.

Chinese merchants who were present last night at the Queen's Pier to greet his Excellency the Governor back from Canton included Mr. Li Yau-tsun, Chairman of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Li Yick-mul, Mr. Tang Sui-kin, Chairman of the Tung Wah Hospital, Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. Wong Ping-yew, Mr. Tam Woon-tong, Mr. Ma Chiu-chiu, Mr. Leung Pat-ye and Mr. T. N. Chau.

Geneva, Mar. 11.
M. Briand and M. van Bokkand have signed the Franco-Dutch treaty of arbitration and conciliation.—Reuter.

OBITUARY.

THE FRENCH MINISTER TO BANGKOK.

Paris, Mar. 10.
The death has occurred of M. Reau, French Minister to Bangkok.

With the death of M. Reau, there has passed away from French Consular and diplomatic circles one of its most distinguished members. Born in 1872 in France, the late M. Reau came out to the Far East as a young man of 22, to take up the position of student interpreter at the French Legation at Bangkok after a brilliant career at College in which he secured a diploma for Law and also another diploma for the study of Living Oriental Languages. After five years at the Legation at Bangkok and having reached the necessary proficiency by promotion to the various grades attached to the position, he was transferred to the Consulate-General at Hongkong. The following year he served at Hanoi on obtaining the rank of Vice-Consul. Between 1905 and 1910, he served at other Chinese cities, then received his first important appointment as Charge of the Consulate at Hankow. He was made a chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur in 1913. In 1916 he received the substantial appointment of Consul of the first grade, this coinciding with his appointment to the Consulate at Hongkong. He was transferred to Shanghai in 1920, remaining there for one year before returning to Hongkong as Consul General at this port.

A man of distinguished presence, the late M. Ulysses Raphael Reau was extremely well-known in Hongkong, during the trying years of the war, when he fulfilled with dignity and distinction his position as the French representative at this port. Of a courteous and kindly disposition, M. Reau was held in high esteem by those with whom he came into contact, and his departure from this Colony on returning to France in 1921 was genuinely regretted. For a number of years after his return to Europe, M. Reau was in charge of the Consulate at Geneva, then followed his elevation to a Ministership in the diplomatic service. He was appointed to Bangkok last year where he remained until his death as stated above.

MACHINE-GUN PARTS.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN INCIDENT SHELVED.

Geneva, Mar. 10.
The League Council has virtually shelved the conundrum of the machine-gun parts on the Austro-Hungarian frontier.

The committee of three appointed to unfold the tangled skein of evidence has informed the Council that the incident should be elucidated very fully. Therefore it might be necessary to send experts to the scene of the episode. The committee promises to report to the Council before June.—Reuter.

[This is an old smuggling dispute, over which the action of the League President, Mr. Cheng Loh, was questioned last week.]

THE SERVICE LEAGUE.

KING BECOMES PATRON IN CHIEF.

London, Mar. 11.
H. M. the King has consented to become Patron-in-Chief of the British Empire Service League, of which the Prince of Wales is Patron. The King will therefore be Patron-in-Chief of Ex-Soldiers' organization throughout the Empire.—Reuter.

RUBBER CONTROL.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT READY THIS MONTH.

Kuala Lumpur, Mar. 10.
The local Government has received a cable from Mr. L. S. Amery, Secretary of State for the Colonies, saying: "The Government is impressed by the representations received in regard to the unsettled state of the rubber industry and has asked the Committee to report as quickly as possible."

It is inferred here that the Committee will conclude its labours before the end of March.

Co-operation.

The Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution, declaring that a solution of the problem of control lies in the complete co-operation of the Dutch East Indies and Europeans and natives. If such a course is impracticable there should be no sudden abandonment or restriction, which should be continued in a modified form.

More Support.

Singapore, Mar. 10.
The Asiatic Planters' Association of Malaya has passed a resolution supporting the resolution passed by the Planters Association of Malaya on the 3rd inst., expressing the opinion that the reversal of policy of rubber control will result in acute depression in Malaya and urging a full and impartial enquiry.

The Johore Planters Association have also supported the resolution.—Reuter.

Dutch Writer's Fear.

Amsterdam, Mar. 11.
The gravest danger of a rubber slump in 1930 is prophesied in a letter to the newspaper *Het Handelsblad* from the Chief Editor of the *Dei Courant* of Medan, Sumatra, who urges Dutch Companies to promote international co-operation. He bases his warning on the "Tremendous plantation expansion" in Sumatra, Java and Malacca in 1925 and 26 which has convinced him that the slump of 1921/22 was only a foretaste of 1930, when the new trees will reach their highest tapping capacity if timely measures are not taken.

The writer praises the British rubber restrictions, which saved numerous companies, including Dutch, from collapse. Their abolition will be most serious.

The writer, who claims to be unbiased and independent, suggests that rubber interests should discuss whether salvation lies in a new restriction scheme with a clearer standard of production, wherein the Dutch can participate, or a selling centre or a valorisation scheme, with or without participation of the Dutch East Indies Government. He contends that British and American interests would agree to co-operation.—Reuter.

SOVIET AND JAPAN.

JAPANESE PREMIER KEEN ON A TREATY.

Tokyo, Mar. 10.
While emphasising that the rumour of a secret Russo-Japanese treaty is entirely groundless, the Premier, speaking to pressmen, observed that the Soviet and Japan had greater need than ever of closer economic co-operation. He expressed the hope that the two countries would soon be able to conclude a treaty of commerce and navigation for the maintenance of proper economic relations.

In the same interview the Premier denied the rumour that Viscount Goto would be appointed Foreign Minister.

Referring to a rumour that the Soviet Embassy supplied funds to the Farmer-Labour party in the recent elections, the Premier stated that the Soviet Ambassador had assured him that the allegations were groundless. He was fully prepared to accept M. Trotsky's word.—Reuter.

MACAO DEVELOPMENT.

OPENING OF THE NEW ROAD TO SHEKKI CITY.

Macao, Mar. 10.
An important link between Macao and a number of thriving trade centres in Chung Shan (Heung Shan), tapping a wide agricultural area, will be ready for use shortly when the inaugural ceremony of the first section of the Macao-Shekki road takes place on Sunday, 18th March.

Shekki City, the capital of Chung Shan district, is an ancient commercial city of very great importance and the entire road, when completed, will traverse through level country for the whole length of about thirty miles. The journey by motor bus or motor truck from Macao to Shekki will take from two-and-a-half to three hours, allowing for halts en route; this compares very favourably with the present twelve-hour journey by junk and tow-boat of twelve hours or more.

The first section of the road to be completed is a distance of about eight or nine miles, between the Macao Barrier Gate and place called Choi Mey, passing the old market-town of China Shan, the first station from Macao on the Macao-Shekki highway. Work on other sections is being pushed through rapidly and it is expected that the whole road will be ready in another two or three months and that it will then be possible to make direct connexion between Shekki and Macao in comfort for the first time.

The road is built by a Chinese company under the chairmanship of the prominent Macao merchant, Mr. Hee Cheong, and this company will conduct the bus and truck service all along the route.

A visit of interest for the welfare of commercial and political relations between Macao and Chung Shan (Heung Shan), an important section of South China adjacent to the Portuguese Colony was made to Macao by Leung Hung Kwong, Governor of Shekki City. Mr. Leung paid a special visit to His Excellency, Senhor Tamagnini Barbosa, by whom he was well received and as a result of which it is believed many benefits will accrue to both the Portuguese Colony and the neighbouring Chinese districts.—Bureau of Publicity and Information.

SHANGHAI SENSATION.

WEALTHY CHINESE ACCUSED OF BANDITRY.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

A crime narrative unparalleled in Police annals was related in the French Mixed Court when a wealthy Chinese, Li Kuan-wu, owning two automobiles, was charged with kidnapping a number of people and murdering his victims.

The evidence revealed the fact that the accused directed a band of kidnapers four years previously in Shanghai, near Tsinanfu. He captured a young railway engineer, Ke Hsi-hung, belonging to a well-known Shanghai family, and held him for ransom. The sum of \$15,000 was paid, but the victim's riddled corpse was subsequently found on the railway tracks.

Three of accused's confederates were executed in Shanghai, and accused was recently apprehended following the disclosures of a cook whom he had dismissed.

London, Mar. 10.

Accompanied by her nurse, the young Princess Yashimabet daughter of Ras Tafari of Abyssinia, was presented to the King and Queen at Buckingham Palace this morning.—British Wireless.

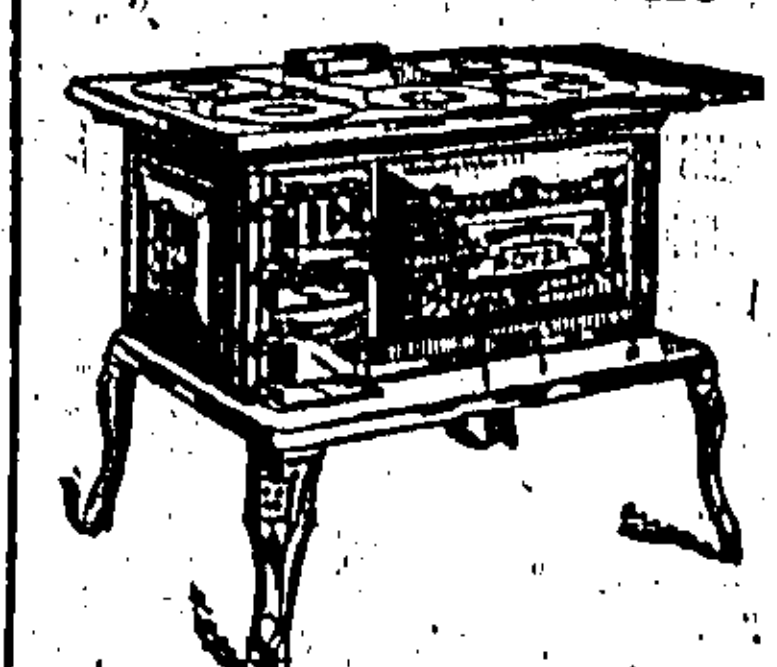
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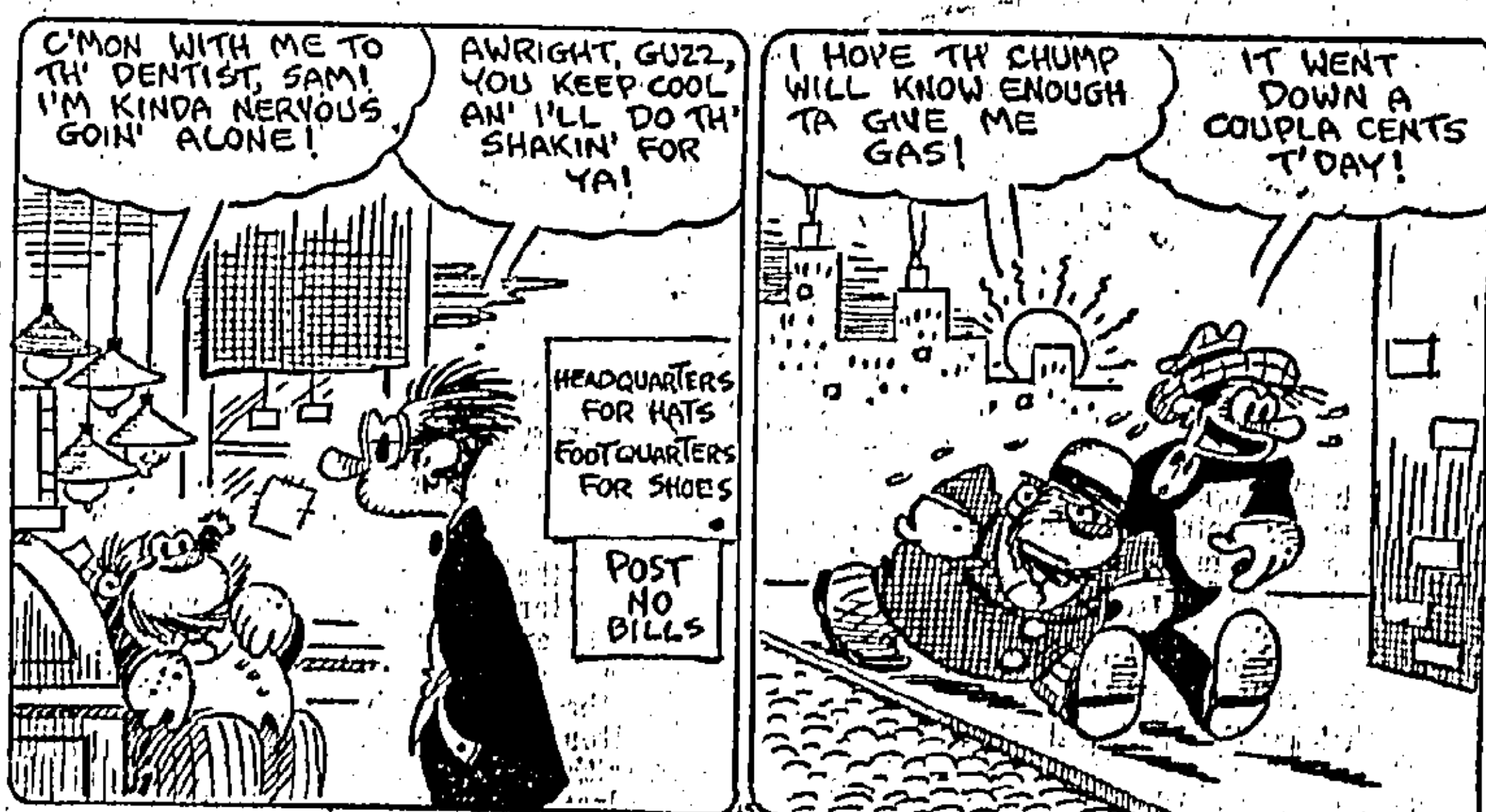
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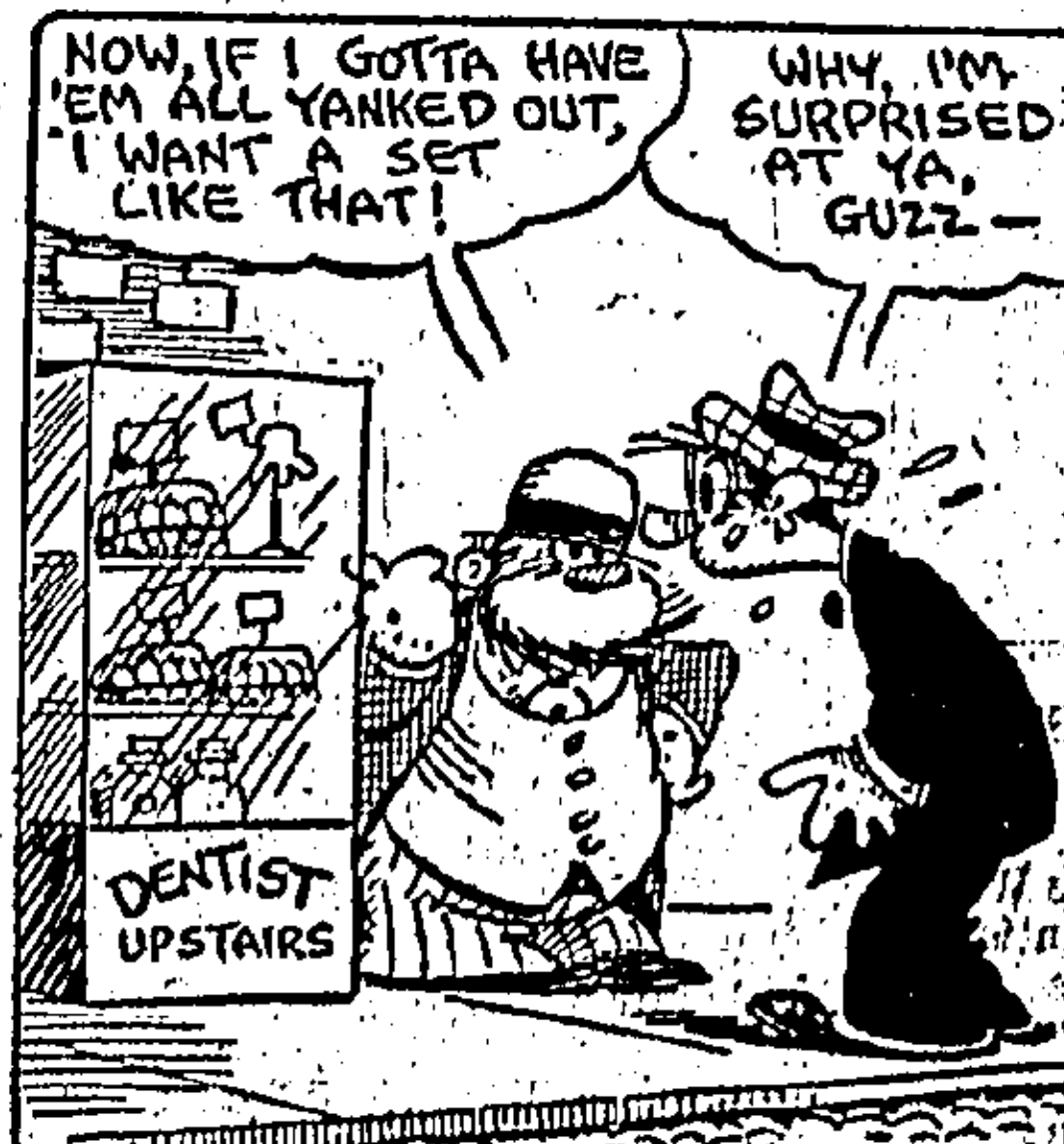


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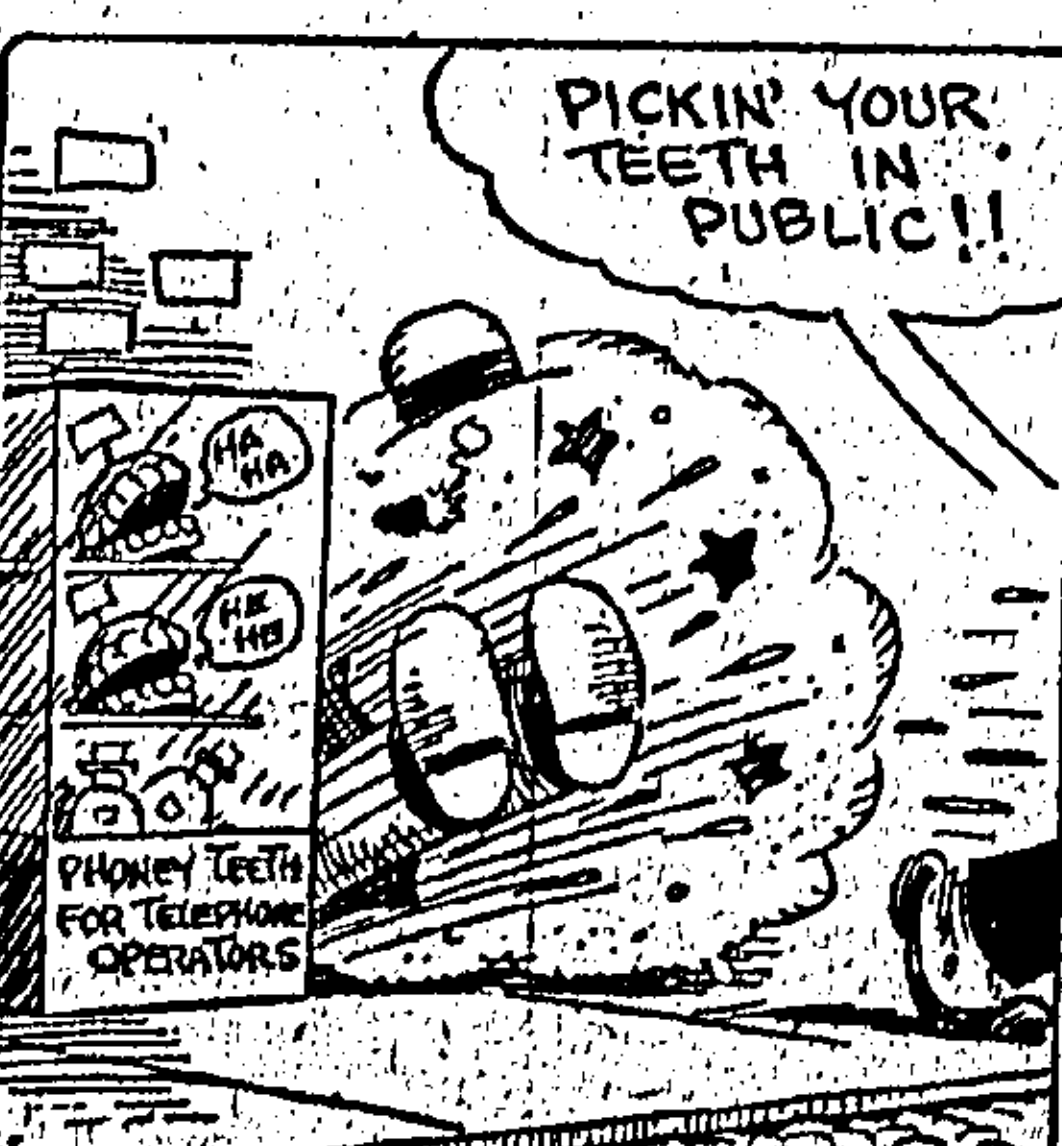
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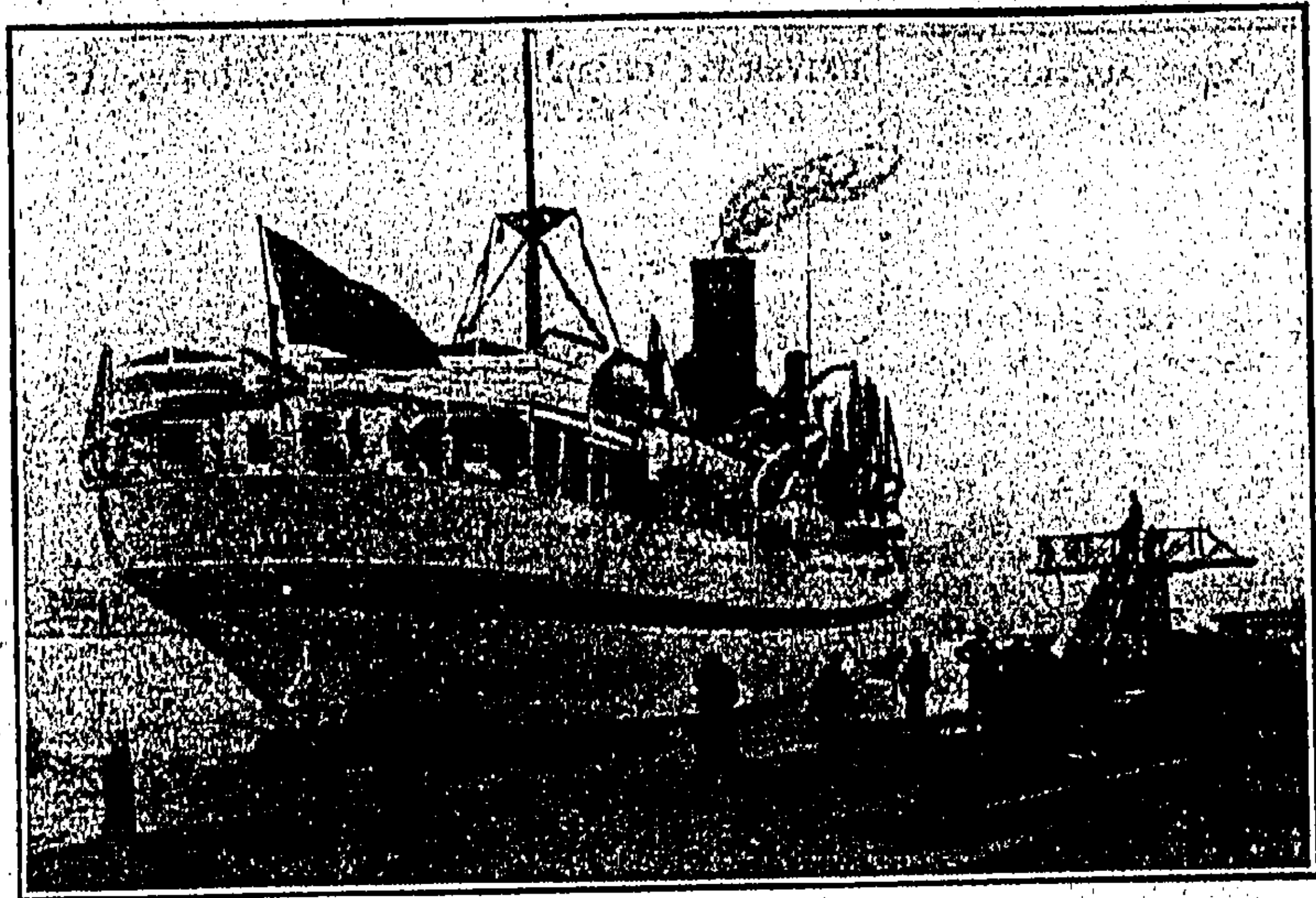


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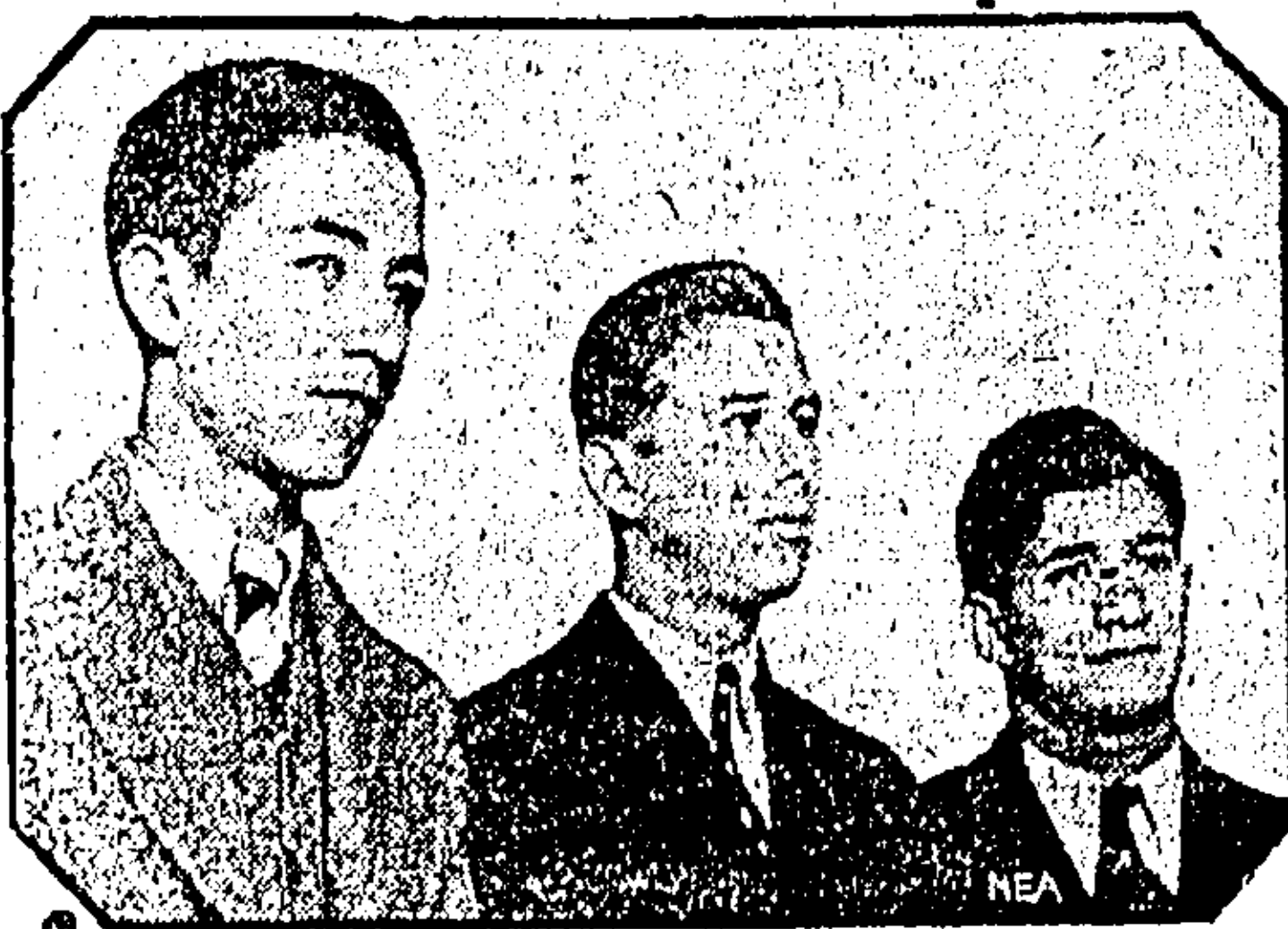
The City of Marseilles, the last troopship of the present troopship season, left Shanghai recently for England taking 50 details, principally attached to the British headquarters in Shanghai. Picture shows the steamer leaving the Old Ningpo wharf.



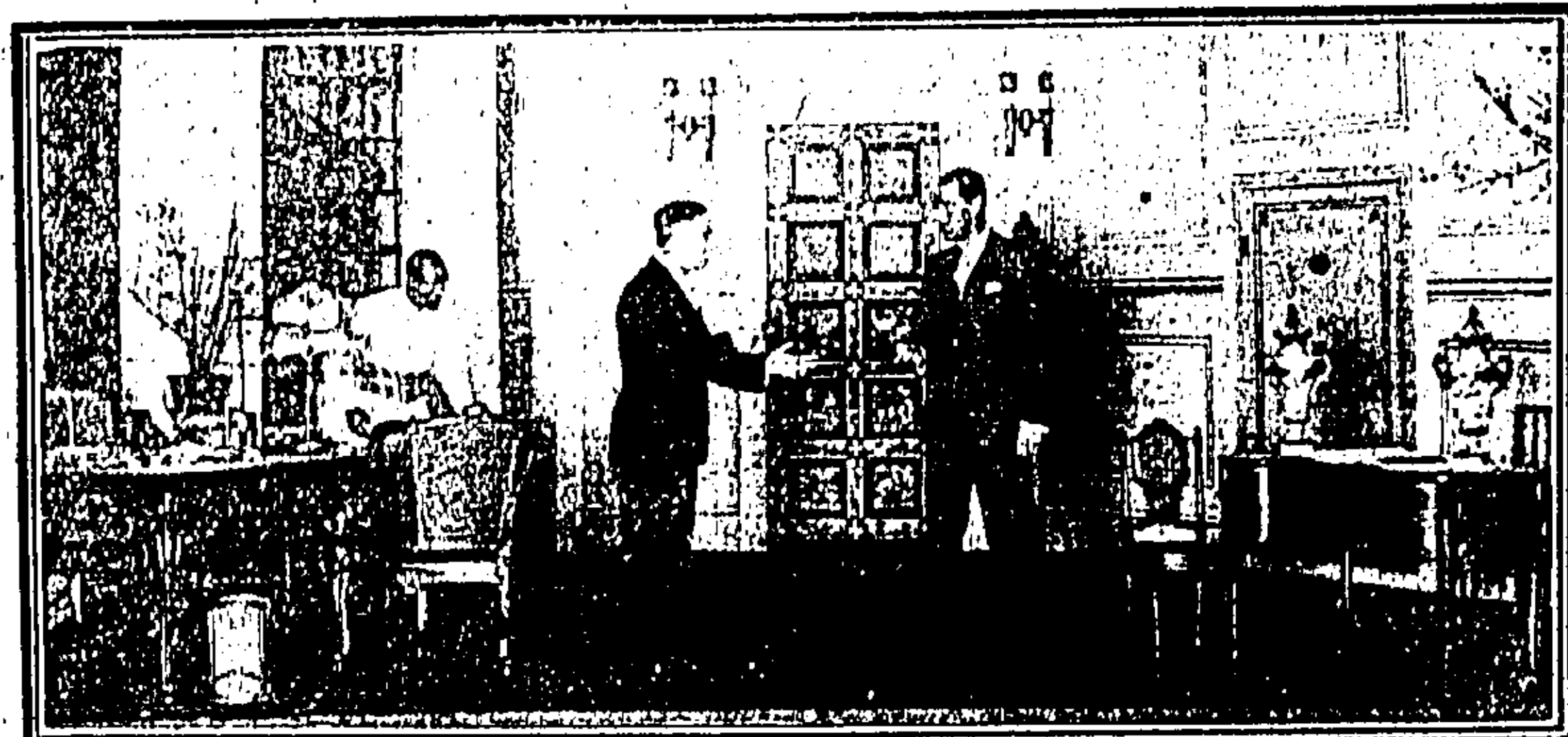
Among the important figures in the trial of William Edward Hickman sentenced to death for the murder of Marion Parker at Los Angeles, were these two witnesses Dr. Benjamin Blank (standing) made a blood test of Hickman and says the boy is sane. N. L. Barlow identified fingerprints.



The new Ford flying biplane failed in its attempted 1400-mile test flight from Detroit to Miami. Here it is, with Pilot Harry Brooks, the hill on which they took refuge from the gales. Subsequently the machine crashed in the sea, and Brooks was drowned.



Three former school chums of William Edward Hickman testified Hickman was sane.



Beccles (Mr. Norman Macgregor, right) and Matthew Blaze (Major Gaye, centre), in a thrilling scene during the second act of "Ask Beccles" which was shown at the Lyceum Theatre Shanghai recently.



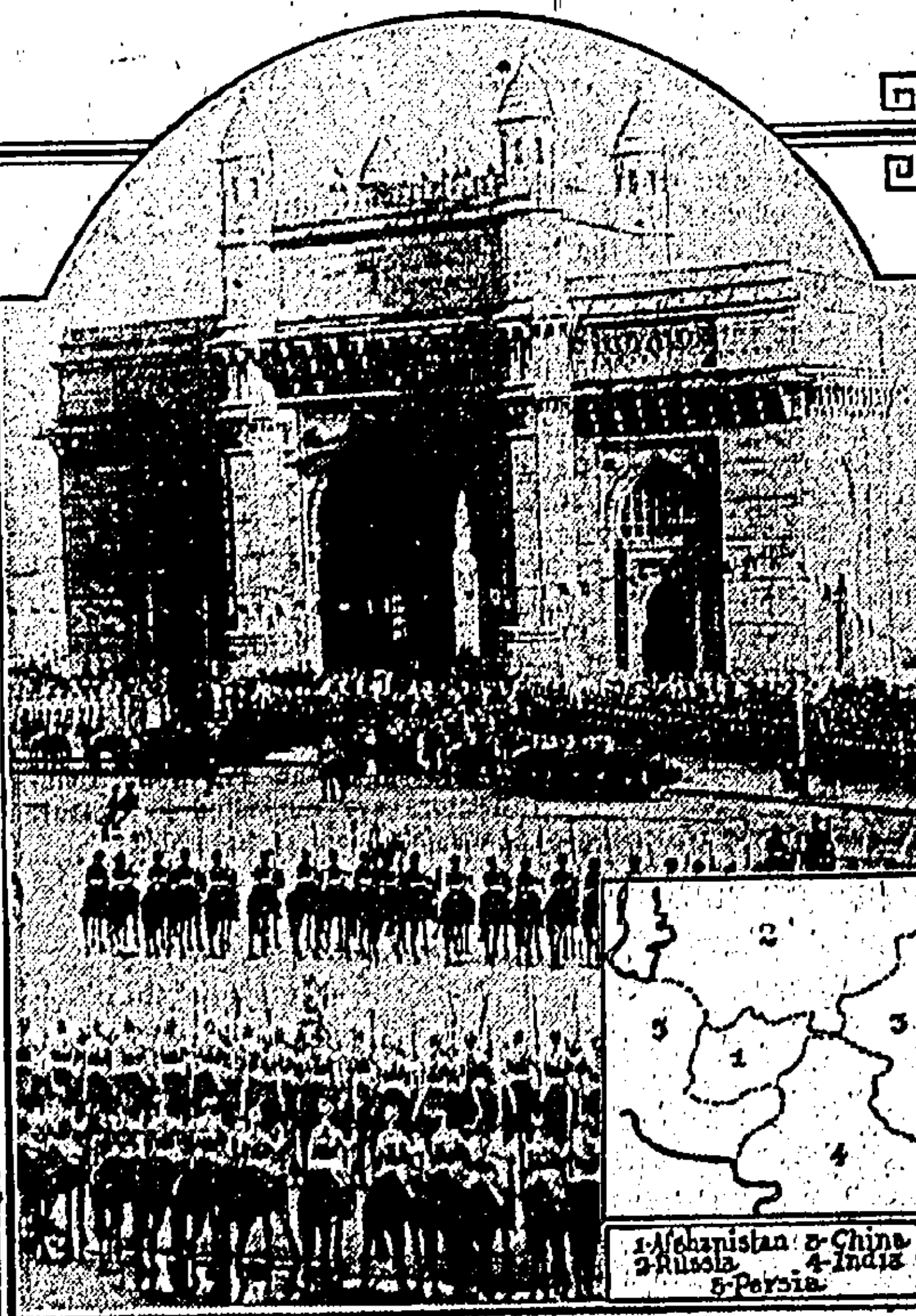
This picture of the new Sultan of Morocco, Muley Mohamed, who is standing (left) with M. Stoen, French resident-general, was taken recently at Casablanca.



This picture is from Paris, but does not represent a new mode in nightgowns. The man is Raymond Duncan, brother of the late Isadora Duncan, the dancer. Raymond goes about like this day and night.



At the left—King Amanullah who will be in England this week. Right—the British tour-out which greeted the Afghan King at Bombay, when he started his European tour, and a map showing Afghanistan's location as a "buffer state."



DANCING SHOES



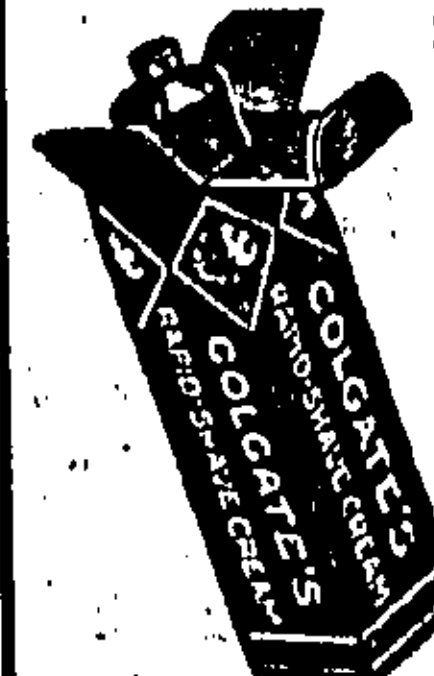
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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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The Second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, 17th March, 1928, commencing at 2 p.m. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.00 for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis at \$5.00 each up to FRIDAY, 16th March, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2.00. Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

FANLING HUNT

Steeplechases.

EASTER MEETING.

Saturday, 31st March, 1928.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES AND ENTRY FORMS for the EASTER MEETING to be held on SATURDAY, 31st March, may be obtained from Dr. F. Pierce-Grove, Alexandra Buildings.

ENTRIES close before NOON WEDNESDAY, 20th March, 1928.

MARINE ENGINEERS' GUILD OF CHINA.

HONGKONG BRANCH.

Members are requested to attend a Regular Monthly Meeting at the GUILD OFFICE, 67, Des Voeux Road, Central (DAVID HOUSE) on TUESDAY, 13th March, at Six o'clock p.m.

BUSINESS.

Elections.

Reserve Fund.

General.

W. J. STOKES,

Branch Secretary.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Thirty-Ninth Ordinary General Meeting will be held at the Company's Offices, P. and O. Building, on Friday, 16th March, 1928, at 12 noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1927, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 3rd March, 1928 to 16th March, 1928, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON AND CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 24th, Feb., 1928.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, 20th March, 1928, at noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 14th to the 20th March, 1928, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,

Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 6th March, 1928.

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The ninth bi-annual race for ships' lifeboats will be sailed on Wednesday the 14th March next, starting at 4 p.m.

Each ship may enter any number of boats.

Course—Start from Channel Rocks, thence to Kowloon Rock (P), Mark off Yacht Club (S), Cust Rock Gas Buoy (P), finish at the Yacht Club across the line from West to East.

Competing Boats must be at the starting line by 3.30 p.m. and place themselves under the Starter's orders so that they can be lined up before the gun is fired.

Ships proposing to enter boats are requested to notify the Hon. Secretary, Royal Hongkong Yacht Club, not later than noon on the 14th March.

R. J. VERNALL,

Hon. Secretary, H.K.Y.C.

Hongkong, 13th Feb. 1928.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at P. and O. Building, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, at 12.10 o'clock in the afternoon, on FRIDAY, the 16th day of March, 1928, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the following Resolution as an Extraordinary Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each to \$6,000,000 (Hongkong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon, on MONDAY, the SECOND DAY of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the above Resolution as a Special Resolution.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY the SECOND DAY, of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby authorised, to capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the 1st day of July, 1928, in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution as aforesaid, any person would be entitled to a fraction of a share, the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person, or persons to be named by the Directors and such share may, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up the share."

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Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. Hospital.

The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

H. J. CHATER,

Surgeon Captain, R.N.

Hongkong, 12th March, 1928.

NOTICE.

The Columbia Pacific Shipping Company beg to announce that Mr. A. L. Thomson, who has been Acting Agent, has been appointed General Agent at Hongkong, effective 7th March, 1928.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY LIMITED.

The 39th ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at the Offices of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1928, at noon for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1927.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Tuesday the 13th March, 1928, until Wednesday, the 21st March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO.,
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, on Thursday, the 22nd March, 1928, at 11.30 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st December, 1927, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday 12th March, 1928, until Thursday the 22nd March, 1928, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Fifty-ninth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Under-signed on Monday, the 26th March, 1928, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1927.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 12th to the 26th March, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
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The Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.,
Hongkong, 5th March, 1928.

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Hongkong, 12th March, 1928.

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Catalogues will be issued. On View from Wednesday, the 14th March, 1928.

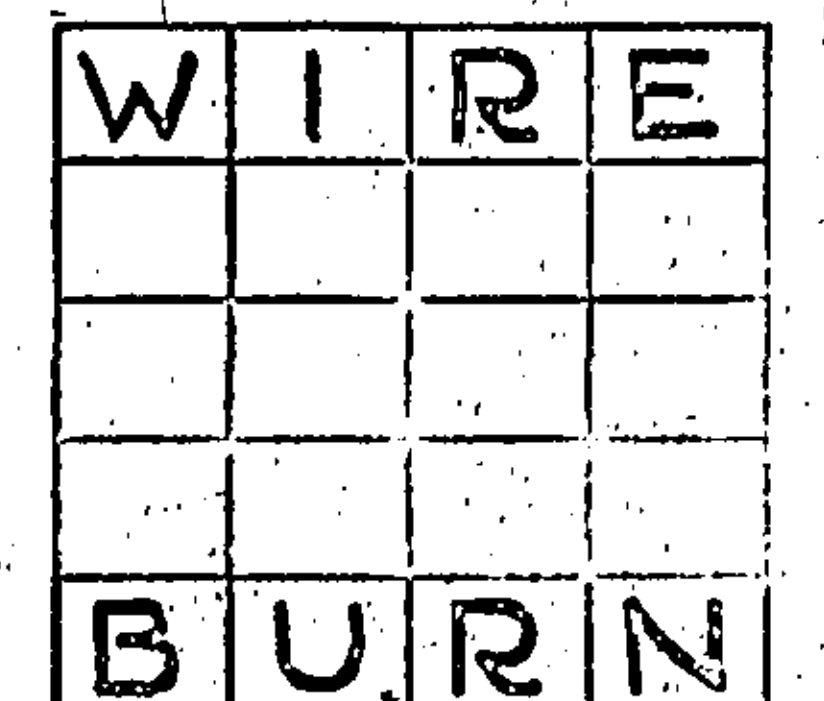
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Hongkong, 8th March, 1928.

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2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

A two-day's sale of the contents of 30, St. James's Place, was conducted by Messrs. Arber, Rutter, Waghorn, and Brown. The highest price, \$1,650, was given for a breakfast Chippendale cabinet, 7ft. wide, with richly-carved cornice and tracery, formerly in the mansion of Rotherwas, Hereford. "The Footpath by the Water Lane," a canvas by Birket Foster, fetched \$550.

LEAGUE CRICKET.

UNIVERSITY CHAMPIONS OF BOTH DIVISIONS.

Much importance was attached to the match between the Civil Service C. C. and the Kowloon Cricket Club, which was played at Happy Valley on Saturday. The Peninsula team required a win to enable them to retain the shield, whereas a draw would deprive them of the honour.

Although the Civil Service C. C. this season have not reproduced anything like their form of three years ago when they were successful in winning the League, the Peninsula found them difficult opponents and had to share the points. The University, who have only lost one match, thus become the champions for this season.

Kowloon Forced to a Draw.

Three dropped stumps and indifferent fielding by some of the players were responsible for the Kowloon C.C. being unable to beat the Civil Service.

The home team knocked up 166 runs. With an hour and a half in which to make the necessary runs, the visiting team was given little chance of attacking the bowling, which was none too easy to play. In an attempt to snatch a short run Ramsey ran. Brice out after the latter had only scored two. It was left to Lyle to defy the bowling, and assisted by the Finch brothers and Buxton, the score gradually began to mount.

The visitors also had a race against time and although Buxton made every effort to overtake the hosts' score he was beaten by the clock. Stumps were drawn with the Kowloon team still 14 runs in arrears.

For the visitors Lyle took eight wickets for 61 runs and then scored 46.

Kowloon Junior Wins.

By defeating the Club de Recreio by nine runs, the Kowloon C.C. junior become runners up in the Second Division.

Batting first the Kowloon team scored 83 runs (Rayen 30) and then dismissed their opponents by 73 (Carvalho 22). Lee did most of the damage, taking six wickets for 10 runs.

Friendly Matches.

On the Pokfulam ground the Hongkong University were beaten by the H.K.C.C. by 43 runs. The town team batted first and made 168 declared, the University replying with 145.

Craigengower v R. A.

The Craigengower repeated their League success over the Royal Artillery, the military team being beaten by 87 runs. The Valley players knocked up 185 (Fritz 48 and Zimmerman 35). Leach taking six wickets for 27. The visitors replied with 98 (Mussion 34). Oliver taking six wickets for 14 runs.

Hongkong C.C. v University.

The Hongkong C. C. seconds played the junior champions and lost by nine runs in a low scoring match. The home team scored 50 (Sudan 4 for 13, Hiptoola 5 for 30), and the University replied with 59 (Hancock 6 for 13 and Parker 2 for 6).

Q. C. v Staff and Depts.

This game was played on the Indian R. C. ground, the College winning by nine runs. The military team scored 62 (Fletcher 6 for 32) and Queen's College replied with 61 (Hala 3 for 8 and Newberry 4 for 21).

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1230 b.
Chartered Bank, \$211 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$333 n.
P. and O., \$294 n.
East Asia, \$70 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$662 1/2 b.
Union Ins., \$332 sa.
North China, Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$220 b.
China Fires, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$735 b.

Shipping.
Douglases, \$411 b.
H. K. Steamboats, \$272 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$230 sa.
Indo-China, (Prof.) \$35 sa.
Shell Trans., \$0/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$20 n.

Mining.
Bonguats, \$21 sa.
Kallans, \$3/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$182 sa.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Rauks, \$41 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.
Docks, etc.

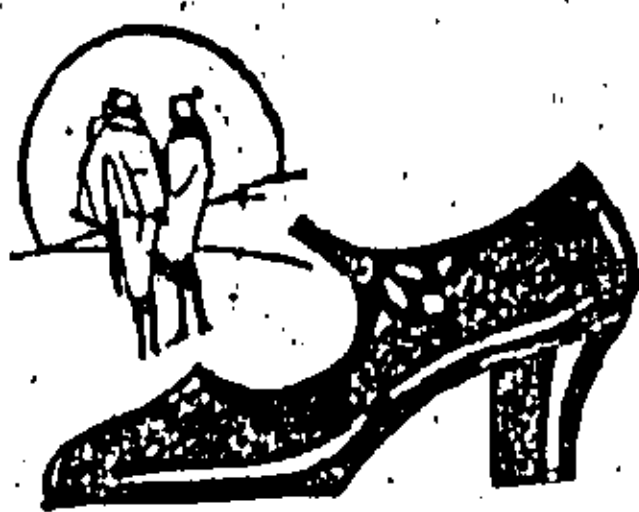
Kowloon Wharves, \$142 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$431 n.
China Providents, \$0.45 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 184 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 4.70 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 39 b.

RECORDS. THE SEASON'S HITS

- 4680 (Forgive Me
Pick a Rose
- 4696 (Red Lips Kiss My Blues
Hello Cuddie
- 4748 (So Blue
I Wonder How I Look
- 4659 (Hallelujah
Gonna Get a Girl
- 4715 (Me and My Shadow
In a Street
- 4742 (When Day Is Done
Broken Hearted
- 4671 (Doll Dance
South Wind
- 0179 (Girl Friend
Blue Room
- 0180 (Dancing Tambourine
Barbara
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Did You Mean It
6083 Doll Dance
What Do I Care
6141 Russian Lullaby (Waltz)
Dawn of Tomorrow
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"THE DEMI-BRIDE."

AMUSING FILM AT THE
QUEEN'S THEATRE.

"The Demi-Bride," at present showing at the Queen's Theatre, is a very bright and amusing comedy, with a strong, yelp of romance running through it. It is the tale of a pretty French girl who falls in love with a gay Parisian philanderer, amongst whose favourites is the girl's own step-mother. There are all manner of complications before the two appear at the altar, and even afterwards as well. But, of course, all ends happily.

The film is noteworthy for the excellence of its production, as well as for the clever acting of Norma Shearer and Lew Cody. The former handles an extremely difficult role with much insight into what is required of her, whilst Lew Cody is seen in characteristic moods all through the piece. A word must also be said of Tenen Holtz as the valet; he is extremely funny.

Besides the main film, there is a very attractive "Felix" picture, as well as an excellent news reel. Large audiences were the rule yesterday, as will doubtless be the case for the showings to-day and to-morrow.

MARY PICKFORD.

NEW FILM COMING THIS
WEEK.

Mary Pickford's latest picture, "My Best Girl," is to be shown at the Queen's Theatre from Thursday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. "My Best Girl" is the story of a shop girl, who, through all the hard knocks she receives, still retains a belief in better things. She is an enigma to her own family, who cannot understand the idealism with which she paints out the shadow in their lives. At the store she meets a new employee with whom she falls in love, having no idea that he is the son of her employer. The picture is taken from the novel by Kathleen Norris. Many unusual photographic effects have been contrived by the cameraman, which were obtained by using a special lens producing an almost stereoscopic effect. Altogether it may safely be predicted that "My Best Girl" will be voted one of Mary Pickford's best pictures as it is brimful of comedy with a touch of pathos here and there.

OBITUARY.

A FORMER LIGHTWEIGHT
CHAMPION.

Detroit, Mar. 10.
The death is reported of George Lavingue, former lightweight champion of the world. *Reuter's American Service.*

[George Lavingue, known in the ring as "Kid" Lavingue, became lightweight champion of the world in 1906 when Jack McAuliffe retired. He lost the title later to Frank Erne. He then retired from the ring and entered the employment of the Ford Motor Company, since when he declared that he had lost all interest in boxing. He was 53 years of age at the time of his death.]

Information has been received from Barcelona that the number of Civil Guards there is being increased. Mounted troops are reported, being called out owing to the ugly attitude of the workmen. The situation is, it is said, becoming worse hour by hour. A number of factories have been closed. The trouble has, it is believed, arisen mainly because of the new income and wages tax.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Care in Little Things.

INDISPENSABLE TO A MODEL
GOWN.

Paris.—Neither the detail, trimming nor whatever consists of the charm of any dress—whether it be in the addition of a belt, an embroidery, a yoke, a scarf, pin-tucks, stitchings, or any of the myriad details which are called upon in the creation of a model—should in any way draw the attention by breaking up the general lines of the gown. These should merely blend with the general scheme.

The countless futilities of which women's fashions are made are nevertheless quite important. In order to demonstrate this point it is only necessary to omit any such detail from a particular gown, or replace it by another which has not been specially studied for it, to make or mar the success of a creation.

Give Me the Simplest.

For my part, says one of the leading French designers, I always prefer the most simple of details, unless of course they are called upon to play an integral part in the very lines of a gown, as in the case of a bow or a pouf on a satin dress. But here again, this bow or pouf being, so to speak, the essence of the dress, it is no longer possible to call it a detail. Necklines and sleeves are the basis on which many fantasies can be worked and new details successfully adopted. In the illustrations which accompany this article I have chosen a few examples taken haphazard from some of the most successful models of my latest collection. These illustrate the importance of each little detail which a casual glance might class as of secondary necessity.

Take for instance model Number 3. Here the drapery is held in place by a jewelled ornament. Take the ornament away, and the dresses are no longer creations; they have an unfinished look about them. The unusual neckline of model 3 redeems a dress of plain grey marocain from extreme banality.

A Carefully Studied Gown.

Minute biases of white and green georgette outline the décolleté of an otherwise sombre black Sokol dress in model 4 and immediately stamps it as a gown which has been carefully studied. I have given you the above examples in order to stress my point, which is that no detail, however unimportant it may seem at first glance, can afford to be neglected. Of such details creations are made and they are indispensable to any gown which can be called a model.

Scorch marks on polished tables should soon be an unheard-of occurrence, for there are all sorts of pretty, cheap, and durable mats which are guaranteed to protect it. Jointed wooden mats backed with flannel are old friends to the housewife, and she is also familiar with the virtues of the glazed and painted cork discs and ovals. Newer are the soft and silent mats of coloured rubber, those made of flat-shaped, bright-hued beads, and others woven in dyed straw, clipped to look like rich plush, and bound with coloured velvet. Yet another type of table mat is that made of brown composition resembling old oak or mahogany, and boasting itself to be heat-proof, damp-proof, stain-proof, and indestructible. For the housewife who prefers white mats, these discs may be had covered with

A Dangerous Practice.

JUMPING TO CONCLUSIONS.

As one who used to practise the art of jumping to conclusions to a considerable extent, I feel that I must go warily when I begin to write about the dangers of the practice.

As a matter of fact, one must have, I think, a fairly wide experience of life and events before one realises just how often and how badly one may err by judging from what may appear to us, in our imperfect knowledge, convincing evidence in favour of a particular view.

It is only when one encounters amazing coincidences, both fortunate and unfortunate for those to whom they happen, surprising momentary failures of individuals to act in the way that would generally be accepted as being characteristic of them, contradictory elements in characters of which we had always thought reasonable and logic to be the most marked features, that one begins to see how little we can really

Enviably Men.

THE GIFT OF SLEEP.

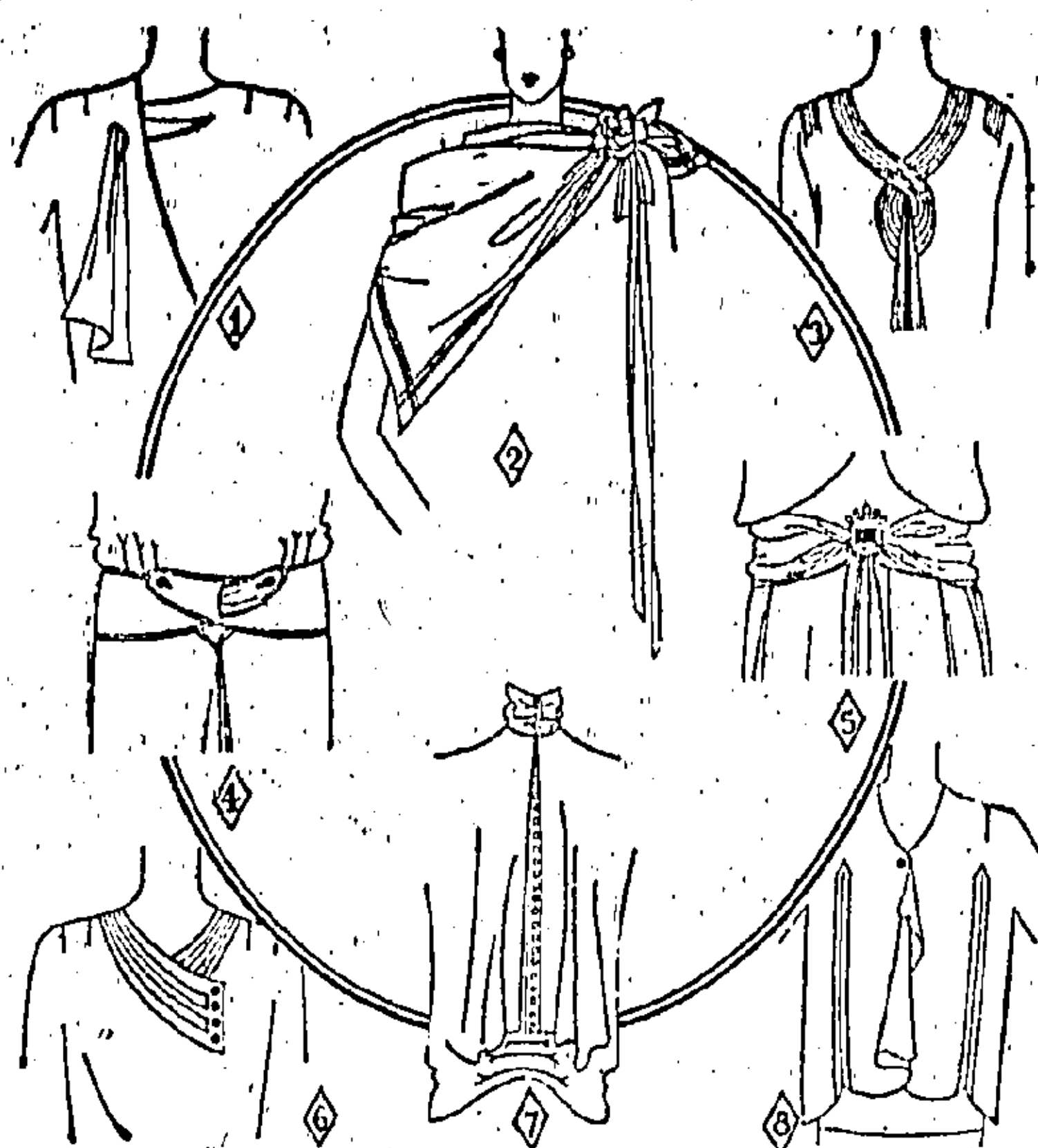
From the interview which Marshal Foch has recently given to a Parisian Journalist, it appears that he is one of the enviable men who can summon sleep at will, and take secure refuge in it, from whatever cares infest the day.

The gift (says the *Morning Post*) is among the most enviable that can be enjoyed by mortals; and it might almost be said that the possession of the gift was one of the conditions of success for great men of action. Caesar and Napoleon possessed it, as does Marshal Foch; and quite obviously it was the lack of this "balm of hurt minds" that was the undoing of Macbeth.

But the power to sleep at will is not an acquired character. Either you have it, or you have it not; and no taking thought will enable you to possess it.

Almost as fortunate as those who can command sleep are others who can dispense with

Some Fashion Details.



Details, always subordinate, must be studiously weighed, say the French designer of (1) an unusual neckline in grey marocain; (2) a huge grey-and-black-checked bordered taffeta shoulder kerchief, finished with white velvet flower and black velvet streamers, worn with a taffeta gown; (3) bias of white and green georgette brightening a black sokol dress; (4) tricky belt-yoke on a black wool jersey skirt; (5) a topaz and brilliant buckle drapes this beige crepe satin dress; (6) a novel neckline of a band of beige, rose, white and light brown tweed on a beige jersey dress; (7) blouse of navy blue silk velvet trimmed with a band of rose jersey de lame with navy blue buttons, and (8) a jabot of self-material on a royal blue bolero.

deduce from the few facts we possess about most of the people and the affairs of which we gossip in our idle hours.

To a certain extent we are almost unable to prevent ourselves from jumping to conclusions, because most minds naturally run on ahead and formulate theories.

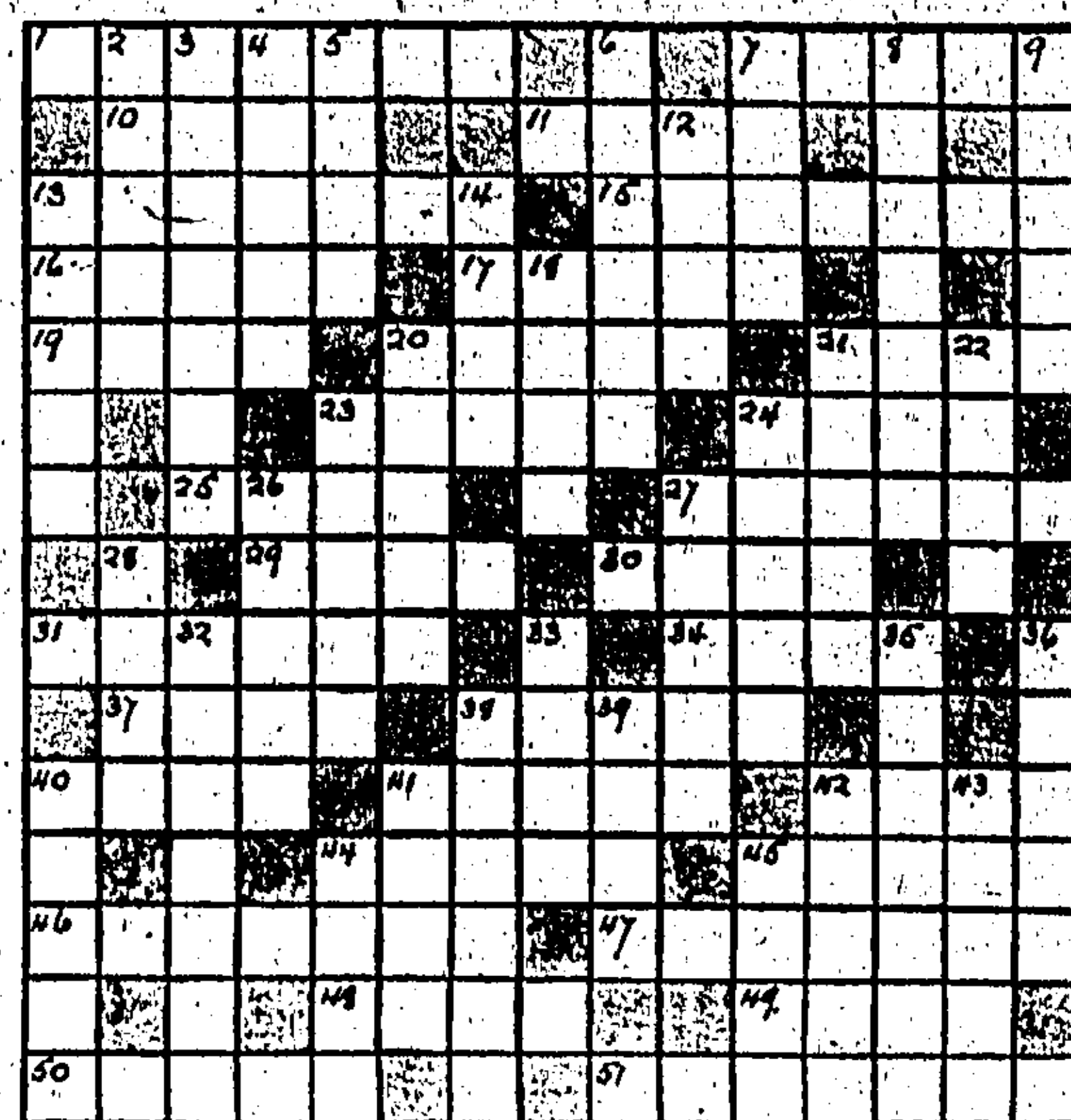
But the great thing is to remember that the conclusion we have arrived at is only based upon a theory and not upon facts.

When we grasp this we shall make fewer mistakes in judging our fellow-men. H. M.

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sleep—or do "with an allowance which to the ordinary person would be little more than a nap. The late Lord Leverhulme, for instance, used to make a habit of rising at four o'clock, summer and winter, regardless of the hour at which he went to bed. To be able to observe that Spartan rule without any loss of efficiency is equivalent to adding hours to the day. But for the unexceptional, these examples of the great who either dispense with sleep or make of it an obedient servant, are of little value except to excite envy. For the kindly race of men, what is needed is some prescription that will ensure eight hours' sound, refreshing sleep in each revolving day.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

- 1 Perfume.
- 7 Plants with feathery leaves.
- 10 Beckon.
- 11 Destiny.
- 13 Charged with.
- 15 Despire.
- 16 Decree.
- 17 Pertaining to the country.
- 19 Inclined.
- 20 Mohammedan female apartment.
- 21 Small two-winged fly.
- 23 Wavers.
- 24 Soil.
- 25 Start on a voyage.
- 27 Sweetmeats.
- 28 Made a wind.
- 30 Moop.
- 31 Forerunner.
- 34 Mimicked.
- 37 Challenge.
- 38 Dellow.
- 40 Bequeathed.
- 41 Braid.
- 42 Top.
- 44 Table.
- 45 Vision.
- 46 Feign.
- 47 Watchwords.
- 49 Delightful region.
- 49 Sweetly smelling flower.
- 50 Roman.
- 51 Accommodations.

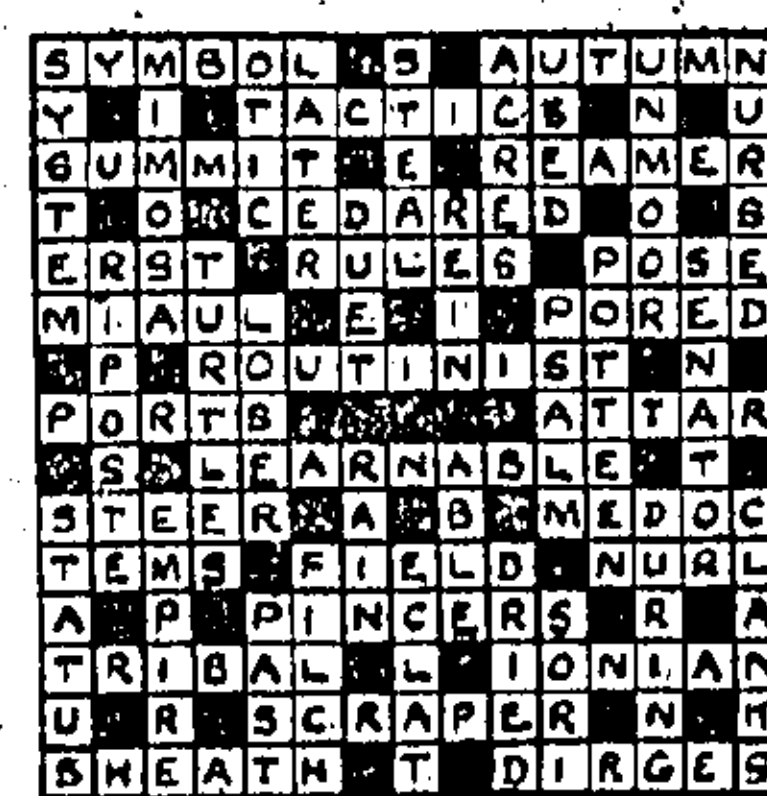
Down.

- 2 Native of Sweden.
- 3 Plants.
- 4 Expat.
- 5 Free from all deductions.
- 6 Cavalry swords.
- 7 Experience.
- 8 Suite.
- 9 Slumbered.

12 Public vehicle.

- 13 First appearance.
- 14 Haul.
- 18 Inette.
- 20 Hauled.
- 21 Soil.
- 22 Artistic faculties.
- 23 Foolish.
- 24 Long on.
- 25 Astern.
- 27 Swarthy.
- 28 Advise.
- 32 Direct back.
- 33 Pertaining to wings.
- 35 Death.
- 36 Appears.
- 38 Leaves of plants.
- 39 Assists.
- 40 Part of a coat.
- 41 Body of still water.
- 42 One found in the atmosphere.
- 43 Hairs on animals' necks.
- 44 Part of the verb "to be".
- 45 British beetle.

Saturday's Puzzle.



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STALIN'S NEW MOVE.

CLEAN SWEEP OF JEWS IN
OFFICIAL POSITIONS.

The reported withdrawal of all avowed Communists from Soviet diplomatic posts abroad, even down to the humbler employees of the various Legations and Embassies, is of considerable interest. It should not, however, be taken too literally.

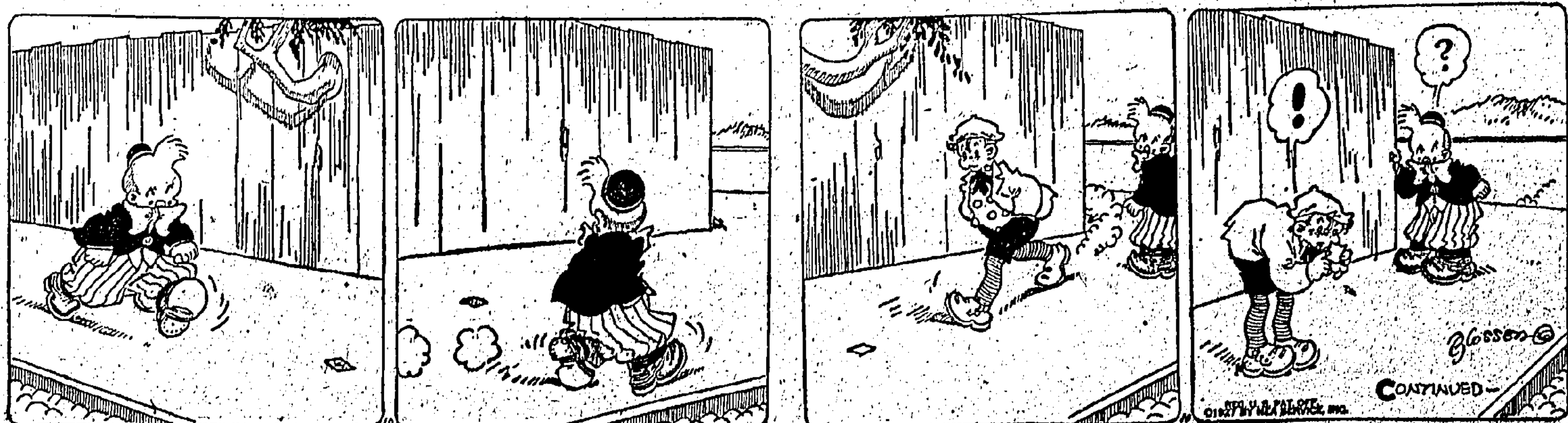
The report comes from the Bolshevik Opposition paper *Volks-wille*, published in Germany. This is Trotsky's Opposition organ, and it must be remembered that Trotsky considers that true Com-

munist are only those who place the world revolution before the material welfare of Soviet Russia.

What appears to be happening is that Stalin, as a result of his victory over the Opposition, is making a clean sweep of all adherents to Trotsky and Zinovieff. To make the measure doubly sure he is also getting rid of all Jews, whether they profess adherence to the Opposition or not.

At the same time, it is said, there is to be a cleansing of all internal institutions, especially the Politbureau. The suggestion that the clearance is made primarily with a view to improving international relations seems doubtful; its main object is to secure Stalin's position internally by demonstrating his strength.

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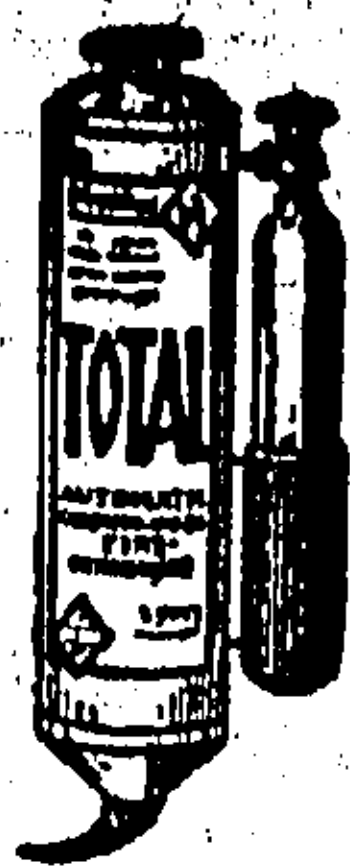
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M. Basto da Silva, a son (still-
born).

The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, MARCH 12, 1928.

OLD FRIENDSHIP RESTORED.

Now that His Excellency the
Governor has returned to the Co-
lony after his visit to Canton, the
official formalities marking the re-
sumption of friendly intercourse
between the two centres have been
concluded. As we ponder over the
fresh contact thus established, we
cannot fail to be struck with the
obvious sincerity which has marked
the events of the
past ten days. Hongkong, official
and unofficial, warmly
welcomed Marshal Li Chai-
sum and his challenges to the
Colony, and, if possible, Canton
has reciprocated with even greater
warmth. This exchange of visits,
the first since the establishment
of the Chinese Republic, has had
a great moral effect, both here
and in Canton, which has extended
to all sections of the communities
of both places. It has brought us
closer together than we have been
for many long years, and we hope
and trust that it will be followed
up by frequent renewals of the
contact, both on the part of the
two Governments and of the various
business and social organisations
in each city.

Official functions can, of course,
be wholly artificial in character,
with little inward significance.
But we believe that no such de-
scription can be applied to the
visit of Marshal Li to Hongkong
or to that of Sir Cecil Clementi to
Canton. Perhaps of even deeper
import is the friendly personal
contact which has been establish-
ed between the heads of the two
Governments, the other officials
and the representatives of trade
and commerce. It was especially
pleasing to notice how Marshal Li,
in his speech at Friday's banquet,
stressed this point when he assert-
ed that he and Sir Cecil are now
becoming very well acquainted and
hope to exchange private visits
from time to time. Then, too, we
cannot overlook the value of the
innovation created by Madame Li's
inclusion in the Canton party
which came here, and by Lady

Clementi's visit to Canton. In
this connexion, Marshal Li struck
a very happy note when he stated on
Friday that Lady Clementi had
promised to again go up to Can-
ton, taking her children with her.
The friendship which this be-
tokens will certainly have the
effect of removing any idea that
the new relations are merely of
a formal character. This Colony
is certainly most fortunate, in hav-
ing as its Governor a man so
thoroughly conversant with China
and the Chinese tongue. As Mar-
shal Li so aptly put it in his speech
at Friday's banquet, His Excel-
lency's great knowledge of the
Chinese language is helping to
bridge the gulf between Eastern
and Western civilisations. Sir
Cecil's speech in Chinese, we are
told, made a deep impression on
his listeners, and he was certainly
happy in his choice of theme, em-
phasising the great affection which
he feels for the Liang Kwang Pro-
vinces, of which he has happy
memories of days gone by.

With His Excellency the Gov-
ernor, we believe that the unhappy
events of two years ago were
merely an artificial semblance of
enmity between Canton and Hong-
kong. Unfortunately, the Kwang-
tung Government of that time was
under Russian domination, with
the result that the move against
Hongkong was purely political in
character and in no sense repre-
sentative of the feeling of the
Cantonese people as a whole.
With the expulsion of the Soviet's
agents and the dissipation of all
the dangerous ideas which they
succeeded in propagating, the
traditional amity with Hongkong
has been restored under the hap-
piest of auspices. All respon-
sible elements in both places
will re-echo His Excellency's hope
that this friendship may never
again be disturbed. There is no
real reason why it should be. On
the contrary, we can, each and
every one of us, do our part in
strengthening and consolidating
the new Entente. And that is a
duty which lies on Britisher and
Chinese alike.

The Balkans Dispute.

The deplorable scene in the
Council of the League of Nations
following the refusal of Rumania
to accept Sir Austen Chamberlain's
suggestion, set the seal on the
numerous blunders committed in
the name of peace in the course
of this five-year-old quarrel which
still defies settlement, while
Rumania defies all and sundry.
Sir Austen may be excused for
replying curtly to M. Titulesco,
who, typical of Rumania's attitude
throughout, spoke for an hour
voicing conditions on which the
proposal, merely adding two
neutrals to the Mixed Arbitral
Tribunal, could be accepted. It
could not be more clearly demon-
strated that unless the hands of
the Tribunal is tied, Rumania
does not want it. What sur-
prises us is the strange vacillation
of the League. The members of
the Council unanimously approved
Sir Austen Chamberlain's pro-
posal, which we find only puts
into the form of a proposal a right
of action the League has under the
Treaty of Trianon. The League
can legally impose the appoint-
ment of two neutrals if the
parties, Hungary and Rumania,
fail to agree, but consistent with
their attitude through this particu-
lar dispute, they have tried to
mediate between the parties in-
stead of recognising the impossi-
bility. It does seem that Hun-
gary's rights under a Treaty de-
priving her of the territory of
Transylvania, which had been in
her hands for over 1,000 years,
are being sacrificed to political
expediency. Hungary was mutilated
after the war—there is no other
word for it—but a clause was
expressly designed to prevent Hun-
garians in annexed territories
from being singled out for ill-
treatment. This has been sys-
tematically ignored by Rumania,
which persecuted the Hungarians
who opted for Hungarian nation-
ality, expelled many of them on
trivial pretexts and seized their
properties. An appeal was made
to the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal,
which upheld many of the Hun-
garian claims, upon which
Rumania withdrew her representa-
tive, and submitted justification on
an invalid instance of the prior
application of her Agrarian land
reforms. Subsequently ridiculous-
ly inadequate compensation was

DAY BY DAY.

MINISTERS SHOULD FIRST PREACH
TO THEMSELVES, THEN AFTERWARDS
TO OTHERS.—Cardinal Pole.

There was a clean bill of health in
the Colony over the week-end.

The P. and O. s.s. Nagpore, from
Singapore, is due here at noon on
Friday.

The Hon. Sir Shou-sun Chow
and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall
returned from Canton by the Fat-
shan last night.

The P. and O. liner Mantua, which
left Singapore at 5 p.m. on Satur-
day with the English mails, is due
here at 6 a.m. on Thursday.

Madame Barbosa, wife of His
Excellency the Governor of Macao,
and Mlle. Barbosa are on a visit
to Hongkong. Mme. and Mlle.
Barbosa arrived by the excursion
steamer Taishan last evening.

Among recent appointments by
the Secretary of State for the
Colonies were those of Mr. Q. A. A.
Macfadyen, Cadet, and Lieut. N.
Garland, B.Sc., Assistant Govern-
ment Marine Surveyor, both for
Hongkong.

Passengers arriving by s.s. Presi-
dent Jefferson from Manila this
morning included Mrs. H. B. Ross,
landing here; Mr. C. H. Benson,
bound for Shanghai, and Bishop
and Mrs. C. B. Mitchell, for Los
Angeles.

Following a frains in Saigon
Street between two Chinese, one
man was sent to the Kwong Wah
Hospital yesterday, suffering from
wounds inflicted with a chopper.
His assailant is now in the custody
of the police.

Prince and Princess P. G. Capce
Zurlo passed through the Colony,
bound for Marseilles, by s.s. Presi-
dent Polk during the week-end.
The Prince is of Italian blood,
while his wife is an American
lady. Their place of residence is
given as Paris.

Mrs. George Jardine, of Black-
ford House, Lockerbie, Dum-
friesshire, has been suddenly
bereaved by the death of her
mother, the Hon. Mrs. Spens.
Mrs. Spens was the daughter of
Archibald, 19th Baron Borthwick
de jure (creation, 1462).

This morning's Harbour Office
reports gave 15 arrivals and 11
departures, leaving 81 vessels in
harbour, of which British numbered
30. Tonnage showed a reduc-
tion, with British cargoes general-
ly poor, Japanese, Norwegian and
German making the highest re-
turns.

Among the passengers arriving
by s.s. President Jefferson from
Manila this morning, were Mrs. G.
S. Harrell, wife of the passenger
agent for the Dollar interests in
Manila, accompanied by her
daughter, Mrs. Harrell was form-
erly Miss Marsh, of Kowloon, and
is on a visit to her parents.

The following vessels are expect-
ed to be in wireless communication
with Hongkong to-day—Sphinx,
Namsang, Hozan Maru, Kiangsu,
Fulda, Caledonia, West Cajoit,
President Polk, Chihhua, Yuensang,
Lycan, Sarvistan, President Grant,
Taiyo Maru, Mantua, Sado Maru,
Ceylon Maru, Yalyann and Talkwa
Maru.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Mar. 11.
Paris	124.
Brussels	34.992
Amsterdam	12.225
Berlin	20.412
Copenhagen	18.215
Vienna	34.045
Helsinki	193.11/16
Oslo	2.17/84
Stockholm	2.07/8
Shanghai	789
Buenos Aires	2.07/8
New York	4.87 61/64
Geneva	25.345
Milan	32.11/32
Stockholm	18.18 1/2
Oslo	18.31 1/2
Prague	164
Madrid	29.11
Athens	368
Yokohama	1.11/16
Rio	5.59/64
Hongkong	2/10
Bombay	1/6.31/32
Silver (spot and forward)	26 1/2

—British Wireless.

offered, and Hungary appealed to
the League for the enforcement
of her legal rights. The League
tried to mediate, instead of adopt-
ing the clear course open—
the appointment of two neutrals to
the Mixed Tribunal in accordance
with the rights conferred by the
Treaty. These are the only rights
the Council has in the matter.
The Council cannot over-ride the
Mixed Arbitral Court, and that
was what Sir Austen was referring
to when he stressed the impotence
of the Council unless both parties
were agreed. The standing of in-
ternational arbitration is threaten-
ed if the Mixed Arbitral Tribunal
is not upheld in its decisions.

THE MOTOR-CYCLE TRIAL.

BIG SUCCESS IN COLONY'S
FIRST EVENT.

The first motor-cycle reliability
test to be held in the Colony took
place yesterday, the event being
organised by the Motor-Cycle Sec-
tion of the Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps. Altogether, fifty
competitors took part, the start
being from the Volunteer Head-
quarters at 2.30 p.m.

The details of the course have
already been published, and it
only remains to be said, concern-
ing it, that it was admirably
chosen from the standpoint of
testing the ability of the contest-
ants and the qualities of the
machines.

The Peak Road and the Dairy
Farm Hill, as well as some of the
steep hillside paths, proved some-
what difficult to negotiate, but the
competitors mastered all the
obstacles and came through the
trial splendidly.

The final lap, around the island
in darkness, saw practically all
the contestants still participating,
and it is believed that well over
ninety per cent. completed the
whole course.

From every standpoint, the
event was a great success, there
being no hitch whatever, whilst
not a single serious casualty was
recorded.

The success registered was in
large measure due to the tremen-
dous amount of preliminary work
carried out by the organisers, who
are to be complimented on the
thoroughness of the arrangements
made. In this connexion, a special
tribute is also due to the checkers,
observers, marshals, etc., who
spent a busy time on various parts
of the course.

The Committee meets to-night
to check up the results, full details
of which may be available to-
morrow.

Not only was much skill shown
by the contestants, but there was
also a great deal of enthusiasm
shown by all associated with the
event, which, it is hoped, will
prove to be the forerunner of
many similar affairs.

POWERFUL NEW CRUISER.

H.M.S. CUMBERLAND ARRIVES
IN HONGKONG.

H.M.S. Cumberland, which is to
replace the Despatch on the China
Station, arrived in Hongkong this
morning.

The Cumberland is the first of
the five new cruisers of the
1924-25 programme to be placed
in full commission. She is in com-
mand of Captain A. L. Snagge
and was joined by a crew from
the Chatham Depot on December
16th. Captain Snagge joined the
ship in August, after service as
senior officer of the Reserve Fleet
at the Nore. The executive officer
is Commander H. H. Harwood,
formerly Fleet Torpedo Officer in
the Mediterranean flagship. En-
gineer Commander H. A. Sheridan,
who last served afloat in the
cruiser Cambrian, is in charge of
the ship's machinery.

The new arrival is a 10,000-ton
cruiser of the County class, her
armament consisting of eight
8-inch, four 4-inch anti-aircraft
and four 3-pounder guns. She has
a speed of over 32 knots. The
sisters ships Kent, Berwick, Corn-
wall and Suffolk, are all in process
of fitting out and are all destined
for the China Station. By the
middle of the year, the 5th Cruiser
Squadron will consist of a homo-
geneous group of five of Britain's
most modern and powerful cruis-
ers.

THE "HOI CHEONG" PIRACY.

KIDNAPPING OF CAPTAIN
AND CREW.

The only vessel arriving from
Wuchow on Sunday able to give in-
formation relative to the piracy
of the s.s. Hoi Cheong was the s.s.
Kocho.

Details of the kidnapping of eight
members of the crew including the
captain, were confirmed and it was
added that the Chinese gunboat
Kong Tai had escorted the Hoi
Cheong to Canton where investiga-
tions were to be made.

Members of the crew of the Ko-
cho add that the Kong Tai cap-
tured two sampans carrying a cargo
of rice in the vicinity of Tai Ping
Sha, this being believed to be part
of the looted cargo of the Hoi
Cheong.

It is understood that the Hoi
Cheong will return to Hongkong
some time to-morrow.

The Duke of York, though left-
handed, is considered the best bil-
liard player in the British royal
family.

The Very Idea!

A group of schoolboys were chat-
tering loudly on a car, and uncon-
sciously amusing the other passen-
gers. Amusement, however, changed
to alarm when the conversation
developed thus:—

"Have you got that dagger,
Snooker?"

"Yes. It wouldn't cut butter,
but it'll do. Who kills the other?"

"And leave on the road?"

"Ginger and Dick and I. We
knife him."

"And leave on the road?"

"No, chuck him in a ditch, bleed-
ing all over."

"What do you do, Tubby?"

"Oh, I keep the gate of hell."

At this point they left the car and
the dumbfounded passengers re-
covered their breath, and did marvel
greatly. If they had mentioned
who was playing Macbeth, the title-
role, all would have been well, but
they didn't. And so the passengers
went marvelling greatly.

Airplanes are being used by sev-
eral sportsmen in Texas vicinity in
hunting deer. But the practice has
resulted in the death of so many
cattle that ranchmen are threaten-
ing to use anti-aircraft guns to stop
it. Whether the hunters mistake
the cattle for deer or whether they
are just practicing has not been
discovered.

Derby policeman: The man was
so drunk that he thought that he
was taking me to the police station.

Stratford magistrate: You are
a bookmaker's runner? Man; I
cannot run much. Magistrate:
Only when the police come along.

Willesden wife: I should never
have married the man if our two
mothers had not forced us into it.

Molotist at Willesden: The lights
were there, but they were out.

Kent man accused of assault: I
went to a Christmas party, and had
a mixed reception.

Schoolboy "howlers":—
The Archipelago of Canterbury is
the head of the English Church.

A barbarian is a man who cuts
hair.

Lava is the stuff a man puts on
his face when he is going to shave.

Sam (as motor whizzes past with
in an inch of him):—These motor-
ists seem to think ordinary pedes-
trians are beneath them.

Jack:—Well, too often they are!

On the grounds of wilful absence,
Mrs. Flora M. Dell New Cumber-
land, Va., recently obtained a
divorce from her husband, John
Dell. The following day she learned
that her husband had died three
hours before the divorce papers
were signed.

A traveller passing through Fife,
who, having to wait at a junction,
went into the waiting-room, pulled
out his pipe, and settled to read a
paper.

In strolled an official; who said,
"Ye manna smoke here."

"Why?" said the traveller.

"You must obey the regulations,"
was the reply, pointing to a notice,
"No smoking allowed."

"You cannot obey all the regula-
tions," grumbled the traveller, "look
at that one!"—"Wear—corsets."

It is decided that in the "modern
costume" performance of "Mac-
beth," Lady Macbeth shall wear a
night-dress. It is, indeed, difficult
to see what other course could be
taken in view of her words (presu-
med to be addressed to Macbeth):
"Wash your hands, put on your
nightgown." You really cannot talk
of a husband's nightgown while his
wife wears pyjamas.

Hints are being offered by wor-
ried clergymen to the folk who at
this season seem to go to church
chiefly to cough. Few preachers,
apparently, can endure such annoy-
ances as philosophically as did Dean
Ainger, who was moved thereby not
to anger, but to verse.

Writing to a friend in the winter
of 1890, he remarked—Last Sunday
the coughing in church was some-
thing terrible. I deeply regret that
its effect upon myself was even
worse, for I pulled out my pencil
and produced the following:—

Your pity not in vain we seek,
Who preach beneath your
steeples;

Our own coughs plague us all
the week;

On Sunday—other people's.

Builder—"And are you fit for
hard labour?"

Applicant for Job—"Well, sev-
eral Judges in the country have
thought so!"

Two more "howlers":—

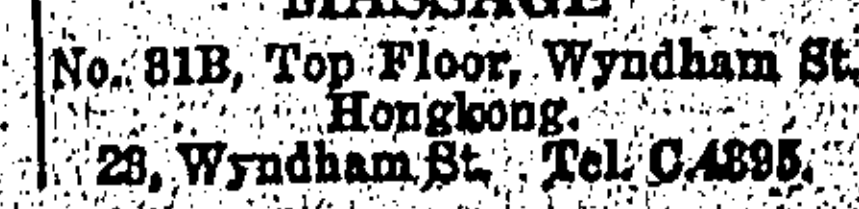
"On the death of Arthur, Henry
VIII, before marrying his
brother's wife, applied to the Pope
for 'compensation.'"

"James VI., on his way from
Scotland, was presented by the
Puritans with the 'Millennium.'"

—Quoted by Holy Cross Academy
Magazine.

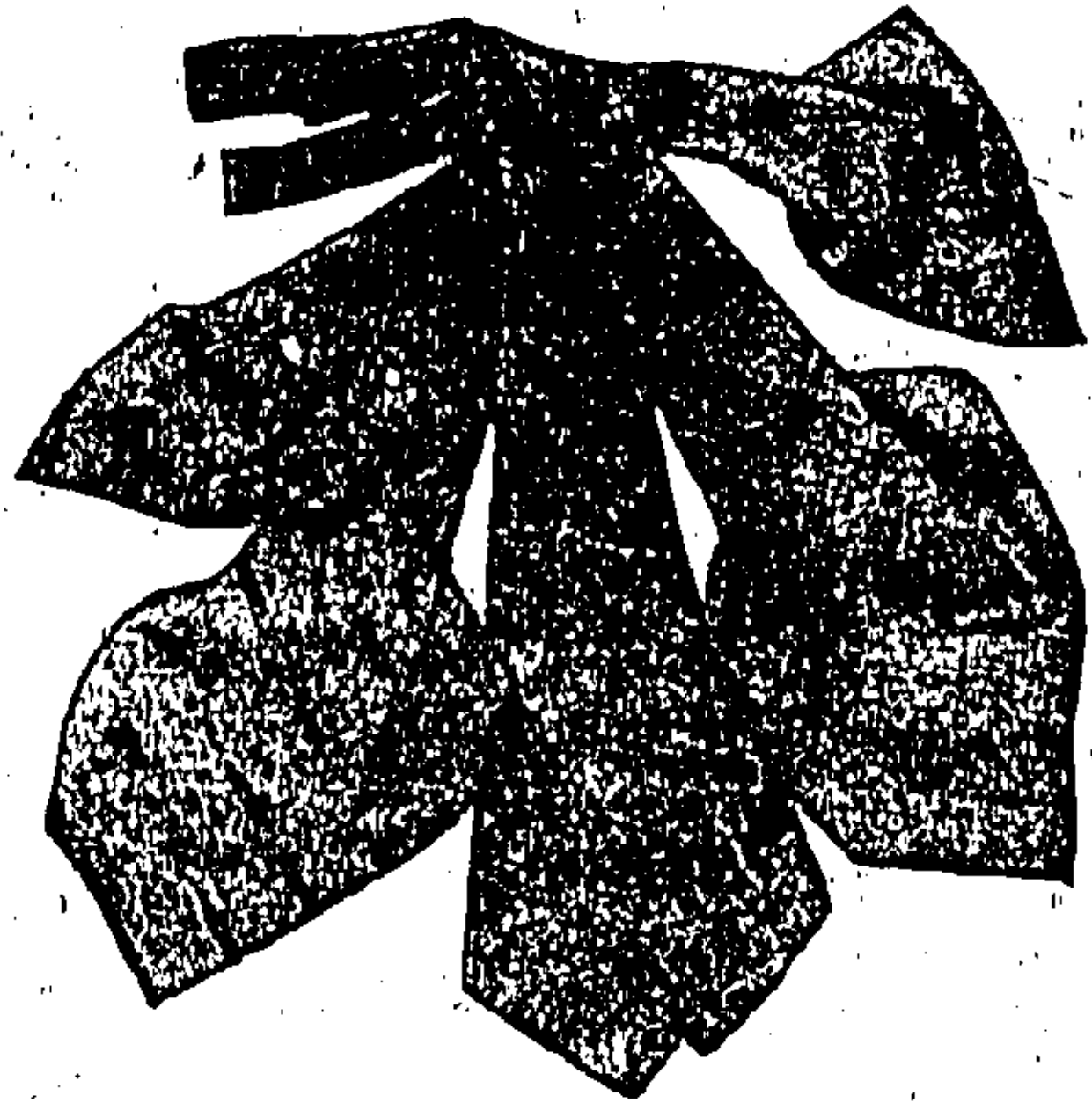
"I understood that the concert
will consist of both jazz and
classical selections."

"Yes, sax of one and half a
dozen of the other."



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The Burger, the South African National newspaper, announced that Mr. D. J. de Villiers, a member of the Orange Free State Provincial Council, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Pienaar as South African Trade Commissioner in Europe.

THE WORLD OF SPORT

KOWLOON SHIELD RECORD.

**FINALISTS FOR SIX
YEARS.**

**DECISIVE VICTORY OVER
THE H.K.F.C.**

["By 'Wanderer.'"]

Finalists in 1923-4-5-6-7, the Kowloon Football Club added 1928 to the sequence on Saturday by a decisive victory over the Hongkong F.C. in the semi-final re-play. Since their sensational victory over the King's in 1923, Kowloon have had a most remarkable record, having been beaten only twice in Shield matches, once by the East Surrey Regiment, and last year by the K.O.S.B.

There could be no questioning the merit of their performance on Saturday. When the sixth goal was scored a further twenty minutes still remained for play, and had they exerted full pressure, the result would probably have been increased.

Their opponents in the final will be the Police, who on Saturday defeated South China in a League match, although two penalties were missed.

A surprising League performance which renders the League runners-up position a little more uncertain was the defeat of the Scots Guards by the K.O.S.B.

The full results are appended:

Kowloon	6 H.K.F.C.	0
Chinese Ath.	5 Recreio	0
Scots Gds.	0 K.O.S.B.	1
South China	0 Police	2
Junior League.		
St. Joseph's	1 Kowloon	1
R.A. Res.	7 Recreio	0

CLUB COLLAPSE AFTER INTERVAL.

**Kowloon Overwhelm Defence in
Fast Game.**

It would be absurd for anyone to suggest the semblance of a fluke about Kowloon's victory over the Club. There was still left in the Club when the interval arrived with Kowloon leading 2-0, but when Miles ran through brilliantly in the first few minutes of the second half, defeated Rodger with a terrific shot, and put Kowloon three goals ahead, the Club collapsed, and further goals were added in quick time.

Before disorganisation set in, the Club worked hard and were occasionally dangerous, though they played with an absence of understanding, and the half-backs were too frequently troubled to be of much assistance to the forwards.

The Kowloon forwards, ably backed up by a sound defence, were in fine fettle, and the Club half-backs and backs had an unhappy time, though Bishop and Holt played magnificently in the first half. Rodger was saving shots from all angles and none of the blame for the defeat can rest with him.

Northey led his line cleverly, scored three goals and had a share in a fourth. The line moved rapidly, combined capably and only Bishop and Holt appeared to meet the attack coolly. It was due to the remarkable anticipation and clean kicking of the backs that Kowloon were kept out until 25 minutes had elapsed, and then Kernick snapped up an opportunity about five yards out and flashed the ball into the net.

Ten minutes later, Northey scored a brilliant goal. When he was given possession about twenty yards out, there were four players between him and the goal, and there appeared to be no immediate danger, but he drew Stewart, cleverly tricked him, worked into position and sent in a glorious shot from 18 yards range which beat Rodger easily.

The Miles-Muir wing was much more prominent than in the previous game, and McBride and Bishop had their hands full in trying to hold the nippy left wing attack. Its potentialities were shown soon after the interval, when, after the Club had set about their work as if they really meant it and had given Kowloon's defence a gruelling few minutes, Miles secured a few yards over the half-way and went full pelt for goal, resisting Bishop's challenge and ending with a terrific shot which left Rodger helpless.

It was this goal which really decided the issues. There was

little fight left in the Club afterwards, though they did not give up the struggle entirely.

The nice understanding between the Kowloon halves and forwards soon overcame the Club resistance and Rodger had a busy time. Ten minutes after the restart, Northey was put in possession and, racing between the backs, he beat Rodger for the fourth time.

Soon afterwards, the centre-forwards' remarkable opportunism was again in evidence. It seemed impossible for him to work his way through the crowd of players, but he took a shot between a defender's legs and again left Rodger standing.

The sixth goal, which ended the tale of woe, was netted by McBride, who turned a delightful centre by Duncan into his own goal. The pace of the game then fell off, Kowloon contenting themselves with a little gallery play while preventing the Club from taking advantage of the relaxation of effort.

On the whole, the game was not quite up to the merit of the match which was re-played. The Club showed a considerable falling away in form and unless they had snapped up two opportunities presented in the beginning of the game, they were never in the picture with any confidence.

Kowloon were always the better combination, their defence was but seldom given cause for real anxiety, the spilling tactics of their half-backs preventing the Club forwards becoming really dangerous, as a line. The occasional individual bursts on the wing sometimes threatened danger, but what solo efforts there were found little support from the other forwards.

There were many loopholes in the Club defence, and it was as well that Watson, Stewart and Bishop were on top form. The latter kicked splendidly throughout, and his headwork broke up many promising attacks. Watson played a thoroughly sound game. He had the measure of the Duncan Kernick wing much better than in the previous game, with the result that it was not nearly so prominent.

The Club had no use for finesse. They relied upon speed and dash to carry them along, but they had no one clever enough in the forward line to hold the ball long enough to draw the Kowloon defence out of the position.

It was Kowloon's most decisive victory of the season, and although the Club did not enjoy the best of good luck, the result did not exaggerate the run of the play.

All the Kowloon players showed up well, Sims being seen to fine advantage throughout, while on either side of him Hedley and McKelvie completed a remarkably efficient line.

Suen Scores Four.

Suen Kam-shun scored four of the five goals by which the Chinese Athletic defeated the Club de Recreio. The Chinese did not always have the better of the game, but they took their opportunities, while the Recreio were lamentably weak in the goal area.

The Chinese pressure, however, was more prolonged and more virile, and the skill of their half-backs kept them on the move. At half-time the score was 1-0, but four were added after the interval.

K.O.S.B. Rather Lucky.

I did not see this game, but am told that the K.O.S.B. were rather lucky to win by the only goal. The goal itself appears to have been a fortunate one, a dropping shot by McGlinchey deceiving Jackson in the bounce.

However, the Borderers won, although the Guards were always shaping like winners. Neither goalkeeper had a great many shots to deal with, but quite a number were teasing shots, and they dealt with them effectively. The K.O.S.B. half-backs got a good grip on the game early on, but the forceful tactics of the Guards looked likely to break down their resistance.

Smith missed two sitters for the Guards.

Shield Finalists.

The Police defeated South China by two goals to nil and missed two penalties into the bargain.

Played at Caroline Hill, it was a very scrappy game, never rising above a moderate standard. South China often approached the Police goal by clever movements, but dallying at the crucial moment gave the Police defence the opportunity to break up the attacks.

The Police deserved the win, though the pooriness of the opposition takes away much of the merit.

PING PONG LEAGUE.

**MR. R. E. LINDELL
DISTRIBUTES PRIZES.**

There was a very pleasant function at the Hop Yat Hall, Bonham Road, on Saturday, when the prizes in the Ping Pong League were distributed by Mr. R. E. Lindell.

The report by Mr. Ng Tai-ping, the president, on the organisation and activities of the League, stated that the Hongkong Ping Pong League was organised in July 1927. Its existence has been due to the good work of Mr. Li Ship-pah and Ki Yau-cheung who are the founders of the present league. The League is composed of the following (in order of enrolment):—1. Chinese Young Men's Christian Ass., 2. South China Athletic Ass., 3. Chinese Catholic Young Men's Society, 4. St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, 5. Wah Yan Old Boys' Union, 6. Wah Yan College, 7. Hongkong University, 8. Chinese Athletic Association, 9. Chinese Recreation Club, 10. Tutorial Institute, 11. Hop Yat Club, 12. Club de Recreio, 13. St. Louis Club. The League had suffered very much financially. The expenditure was much greater than the receipts, there being a deficit of about \$30. However, the deficit was made up by the kind and liberal donation of \$200 from their patron Mr. Woo Hay-tong. They thanked him most heartily for his kind patronage, and thanks were also due to the Hon. President Mr. H. Kom-long for his kind contribution of all the prizes to the prize-winners.

Mr. R. E. Lindell, addressing the gathering, said when he came to Hongkong about 20 years ago, the cult of athletics had among the Chinese hardly started but now-days they found the younger generation of the Chinese excelling in every form of sport. For example, in cricket the University produced two splendid teams whereas in tennis the Chinese Recreation Club led the way and lastly in football the Chinese Athletic Association held a high position in the Colony. He had always advocated keenness in athletics for it was a very fine thing indeed because it improved the physique and general health of a man.

Musical and dancing items were contributed, the latter by Misses Rachel Wong, Helen Ho, S. Ho, E. Rose, E. Fong, Phyllis Capelli, Ida Shieshorst, Glendinning, and Violet Capelli. Others taking part in the programme were Messrs. Chew Kat, Cheung Chun-ling, Ngan Chung-ai, G. W. C. Burnett, and John Braga. Mr. We Leong-sang also addressed the gathering.

The Prize Winners.
Ladies' Championship, Miss Wong Sul-Lan, Runner-up, Miss Rose Kwok.
Men's Championship, Mr. Ng Tai-ping, Runner-up, Mr. Wong Tung-hot.
League Championship, Chinese Athletic Association, Runners-up Chinese Y.M.C.A.
Individual "Kom Tong" Challenge Cup, held by Mr. Ng Tai-ping.
Champion team-players, Messrs. Fong Tak-ming (Captain), Chan Hon-shu, Chen Sam-cheun, Siu Siu Tin-lim, Siu Man-wai, Wong Kut-cheung, and Chow Wing-lol.

MORRIS OUTBOXES MORRELL.

**MUCH TOO CLEVER FOR
VINDICTIVE MAN.**

IMPROVEMENT OVER-RATED.

["By 'Wanderer.'"]

To use the words of a Shanghai boxing critic, "a really skilful boxer as well as a born fighter" was soundly defeated by Signalman Morris at the Leo Theatre on Saturday night in contest for the middleweight championship of the Colony.

The defeated brilliant was Stoker Morrell, and it seemed to me that Morris's victory, making the belt his own property, was much more comfortable than the fight which he had to put up to win it the first time.

Morrell according to the Shanghai critics had improved immensely. It had been repeated so many times that we had come to believe, but after three rounds it was quite evident that Morrell had been much over-rated, and that if he had cleaned up the best in Shanghai, there is a dearth of talent in the Northern port.

He has improved to the extent that his movements are much quicker, but his punching is no more effective. It looks heavy but he fails to get his weight behind it. As to boxing, he was not in the same class with his opponent, who stood up to Morrell's bull-like rushes and prodded him unremittently with a delightful straight left.

At times Morrell was subjected to a rain of blows and he never seemed to know the direction from which they were coming. Morris fought a cleverly judged bout. He was wary of his man to begin with, but gradually got his measure and by the time the fourth round began was fighting with complete coolness and confidence. Occasionally Morrell would flash in a blow to the chin or body, but he seldom connected with the full of his fist, and Morris took such efforts with comparative equanimity.

Morrell was continually trying to force the pace, but Morris was clever enough to make his opponent box, displaying delightful footwork which prevented rushing attacks from becoming really effective. Morris's height and reach stood him in good stead and more than counter-balanced his disadvantage of two pounds in weight. He kept the fight and distance as often as possible, and scored heavily in the frequent spells of long range fighting.

Sometimes he contented himself with lightly tapping Morrell's face at the same time cleverly evading the latter's efforts at retaliation. Morris was seldom really aggressive, though on the few occasions that he went for his man, Morrell had unhappy experiences.

Morrell made a really determined effort from the thirteenth round to the end, and in the last two pounds, may have secured a slight balance of points in his favour, but he could never hope to

even up the long tally which Morris had previously secured. In in-fighting which was supposed to be Morrell's forte, Morris gave as good as he received. At long range he was immeasurably the superior boxer, and he made Morrell miss badly time after time.

If we had not been expecting so much of Morrell we perhaps would have shown a more thorough appreciation of the contest, but he failed to come up to expectations and the fight was disappointing. Morris was a thoroughly deserving winner, though a few partisan spirits voiced objection to the decision.

Boxer Disqualified.

It was very unfortunate that Jose Pintos da Silva was unable to turn out against Stoker Reynolds. It was anticipated that this would prove an effective counter in merit to the main event. Stoker Reynolds was called upon to meet L/C Frame over six rounds, and the fight was brought to an end in the fourth when Frame was disqualified for punching while holding. It was a slogging match from the opening round, clinching being frequently indulged in. Reynolds was much the cooler of the two and Frame was badly punished in the third round. Reynolds would have won in any case.

A Good Win.

The first fight of the evening between Bandaman, McConnell and Ldg. Seaman Hanson was one of the most interesting of events from a fighting standpoint. McConnell was fouled accidentally early in the fight, but continued and won in great style after a gruelling six rounds.

Both men made full use of the ring without running away from the fight. McConnell punched with greater precision than his opponent and did much greater damage. Hanson was in distress at the close.

Hall Defeated.

Knocker White defeated L. S. Hall in a fierce fight on a points decision. For the first six rounds it was the most rousing fight of the evening. White went for his man from the outset and Hall took considerable punishment. He fought back, however, in great style, and drew blood with a terrific blow to the nose in the third round. Hall was aggressive in the sixth and seventh, but White came back strongly, punching effectively with both hands and gained a well-earned verdict.

Willing But—

Marino Harris and Marino Fraser were a very willing pair, but neither appeared to be capable of exercising sufficient control to put his energy to useful purpose. Plenty of hitting was done, but much was wasted on the atmosphere, and both were thoroughly tired at the end. Fraser was the more aggressive and his longer reach was used to enough advantage to give him a point verdict.

A comparison with the City Hall is difficult but the attendance was the biggest at any tournament held in the Leo Theatre, there being 1,500 persons present.



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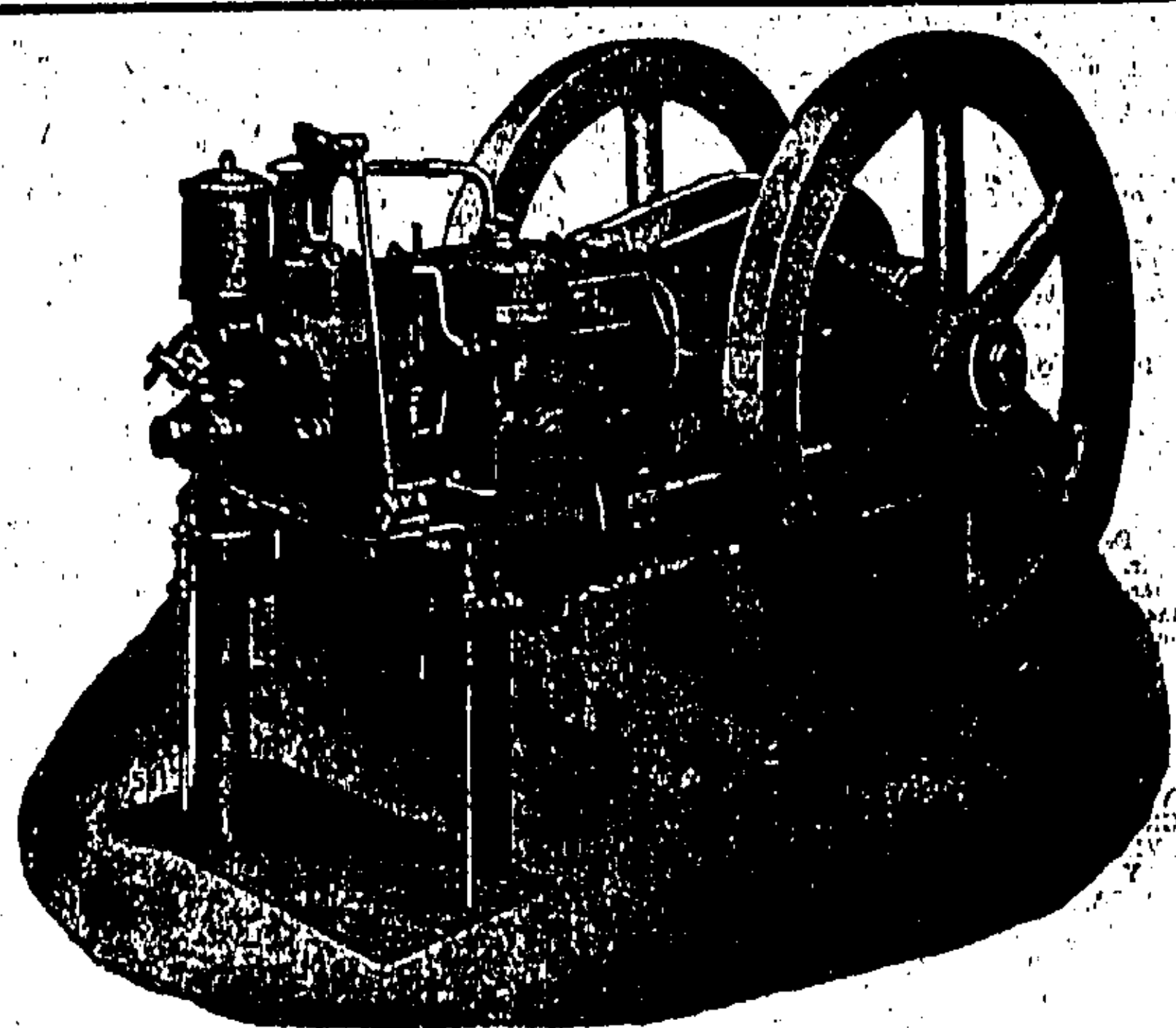
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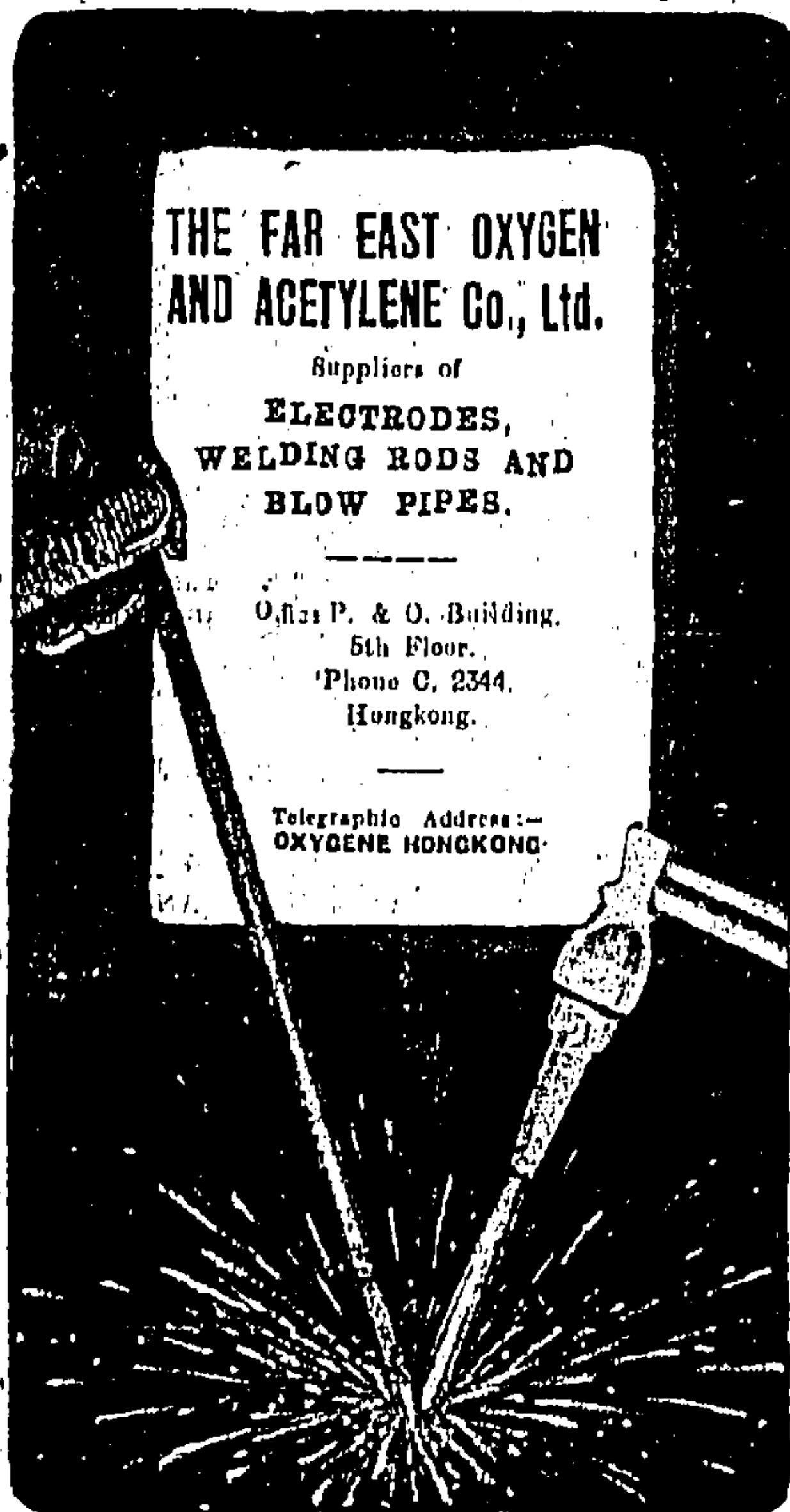
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

The Importance of Modern Communications.

His Excellency the Governor replied in English, the speech being interpreted by the Hon. Dr. Kotewall. He said: Mr. Wu, I thank you very sincerely for the magnificent entertainment you have already provided. I understand that the entertainment is by no means over, because from here we are going on to the theatricals and shall be entertained until the morning. I appreciate more than I can say this opportunity of meeting the Canton Chamber of Commerce and I understand there are representatives of the Seventy-two Guilds here to-night.

On an occasion such as this, I feel bound to speak a few words on the subject of commerce. The whole raison d'être of Hongkong is commerce, and the reason why Englishmen are in China is in order to trade. Therefore it is very important for us, as well as for you, that trade should flourish.

Now there are many things which contribute towards trade prosperity, and among them I should like to mention this evening three principal factors. The first is security; the second is communications; and the third is reasonable taxation. I would like with your permission to say a few words on each of these three subjects.

I need not say much on the subject of security because you all know and are fully acquainted with the perils we have been through from the menace of Bolshevism, and from the menace of pirates and brigands. I wish to express my deep gratitude to the present Canton administration for the steps they have already taken. Communism has practically disappeared from Kwangtung and will, I am sure, never dare to raise its head again while Marshal Li is in control, and Marshal Li is already taking radical steps to eradicate pirates and brigands.

His Excellency went on to refer to communications, air services, wireless and railways, and touched on taxation. We realise that our fortunes are bound up with yours, and what we can do to help we will do. The prospects are bright. Trade in Hongkong is getting better, and I understand from Mr. Wu that trade in Canton is also improving. We are looking forward to a brighter future. With wholehearted co-operation between Hongkong and Canton, I think we shall have nothing to fear, and the trade of these two provinces, Kwangtung and Kwangai, will flourish as it has never flourished in the past. (Applause.)

It is the duty of Government to foster trade and to protect the merchant, and the Hongkong Government will do everything it possibly can to that end; and I know quite well, under Marshal Li's administration, the two Kwang provinces will do the same. So I ask you to drink with me to prosperity to the Canton Chamber of Commerce, to continued and increasing co-operation between Hongkong and Canton, and to the welfare of the merchants of Canton and Hongkong. (Applause.)

The toast was enthusiastically honoured.

ANGLO-CHINESE TRADE.

Consul General Speaks on Trade Relations.

Mr. J. F. Brennan, H. M. Consul General, proposing a toast to Anglo-Chinese Trade, said: Mr. Chairman, Your Excellency and Gentlemen.

The previous speakers have dealt with this occasion which we are now honouring from the political and commercial aspects and there is little left for me to say. I must ask you therefore to excuse me if I touch upon the matter from a personal point of view.

This further demonstration of friendship between the people of Canton and my own countrymen, and especially between the authorities of this province and Hongkong is a matter of especial pleasure to myself.

I am not an official of the Hongkong Government but nevertheless a good part of my work as Consul-General consists in representing Hongkong interests in this port

and in acting as a channel of communication between the two administrations.

And when I say a channel of communication I do not mean merely a post office for passing messages to and from. I conceive it to be the duty of a Consul in this position not only to explain to the Chinese authorities the wishes and intentions of his own people, but also to explain to his own authorities in as sympathetic a light as possible the real feelings, motives and difficulties of the Chinese to whom he is accredited.

This duty is not easy when relations are strained. Each side regards the other with suspicion and is inclined to give no credit for good intentions. On the other hand when relations are friendly as they are now, things run more smoothly. Time is not wasted in useless recrimination and really constructive work can be done in those matters in which the two governments are jointly interested.

You will appreciate therefore my personal satisfaction at the present happy state of affairs. I look forward to another year of office in Canton with the assurance that my work will be pleasant, if no less strenuous than in the past.

Mr. Chairman, I thank you on behalf of myself and the Shanghai representatives here present for the delightful hospitality which you have shown to us to-day, and I propose as a toast the prosperity of Anglo-Chinese trade. (Applause.)

FRIENDLY ASSISTANCE.

Britain a Good Friend of China.

Mr. Wong Wai-man (member of the executive committee of the Canton Chinese General Chamber of Commerce) proposed "The National Progress of Britain and prosperity to Sino-British relations." He said: Chairman Wu, Governor Clement, the British Consul-General and respected visitors—Sir Cecil Clementi has conferred a great honour on us by condescending to attend the dinner given by this Chamber. The members of this Chamber are deeply impressed and grateful for the sentiments of Sino-British friendship expressed by His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong and the British Consul General in Canton.

Britain is the best friend of China. The trade relations of the two countries have the deepest foundations and a very long record. Members of this Chamber remember well the times of eighty years ago when China and Britain concluded a Treaty for mutual co-operation in trade and international friendship. The peoples of the two nations prayed then that the future would be prosperous and both peoples hoped for sincere endeavours.

During the past eighty years Britain has prospered and succeeded. She has progressed considerably in trading with China and secured a leading position in the sphere of world trade. Members of this Chamber congratulate Britain on her achievements and regret very much that China has not quite filled the anticipations of Britain in trade progress.

We believe that in the near future trade in China will certainly

LADY CHAMPION.

MRS. TOTTENHAM WINS THE GOLF TITLE.

The final of the Ladies' Golf Championship was played over the Old Course at Fanling yesterday, and was won by Mrs. R. E. Tottenham, who beat Mrs. Whyte-Smith, 3 up and 2 to play.

Mrs. Tottenham was playing very steadily. Winning the first hole, she retained the lead throughout. At the 4th hole, Mrs. Whyte-Smith had the misfortune to break her driver, and had to continue with a borrowed club. Mrs. Tottenham was two up at the turn.

At the 15th, Mrs. Whyte-Smith lost the hole through a typo, and Mrs. Tottenham won the next hole and the match.

The game was umpired by Mr. F. A. Redmond.

After the match, there was a gathering in the club-house, where the pleasant function of congratulating the winner and distributing the prizes took place. Mrs. H. R. B. Hancock presented the Championship cup to Mrs. Tottenham, and the runner-up cup to Mrs. Whyte-Smith, after which, in the absence of the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, Captain of the R. H. S. G.C., Mr. H. R. B. Hancock made a brief speech of congratulation.

Mrs. F. A. Redmond, Captain of the Ladies' Section, expressed their thanks to Mrs. Hancock for presenting the prizes.

VALLEY GOLF.

JUNIOR SECTION CHAMPIONSHIP.

Most of the first round matches of the Junior Section Championship of the Hongkong Golf Club have been decided. Although yesterday was the date by which the matches were to have been played, there are yet two games which have not taken place.

The results of matches played so far are:—P. Morrison beat A. J. W. Dorrill (6 up and 4 to play); J. McCubbin beat W. Pryde (4 and 3); J. Stewart beat F. E. Booker (1 up); R. Wallace beat G. McLeod (4 and 3); J. M. McBride beat F. T. James (2 and 1); E. Moore beat C. A. Goldenberg (7 and 6).

The matches between A. E. Clark v. W. McKay and J. Laing v. A. E. Charman have not yet been played.

develop to a degree satisfying our foreign friends. I thank Sir Cecil Clementi for his speech, and in regard to communication, railway, aviation and wireless, I can assure you that these points will not be lost sight of by the Chamber of Commerce, who will ever be most grateful to you for your advice. I respectfully represent the General Chamber of Commerce, and its members in asking all to join me in drinking to the health of His Excellency Governor Clementi, the British Consul-General, the visitors, and to the progress of Britain's national development and the prosperity of Sino-British trade.

Governor at the Police Recreation Club.

At the conclusion of the dinner, His Excellency and a large number of the guests proceeded to the Assembly Hall of the Police Recreation Club at Sai Kwa Yuan, where a special welcome performance was given by the Kwangtung Dramatic Association.

BILLIARDS.

TEAM TO REPRESENT LOCAL PORTUGUESE.

The team to represent the local Portuguese in an interport with the Shanghai Portuguese has been selected and is composed of the following players: A. J. Osmund, L. A. Osmund, R. F. da Luz, H. da Luz, E. Roza, C. F. Vas and F. M. Cruz.

A noted absentee from the team is Mr. P. A. Yanovich, an ex-champion of the Colony who is prevented from taking part in the contest on account of eye trouble.

The local players have been showing good form in their practices, the most notable achievement being the break of 108 by R. da Luz. A. J. Osmund is also playing as well as ever.

The following is the official programme issued by Mr. A. J. Osmund, the hon. secretary.

The Shanghai team will arrive in Hongkong by the s.s. Empress of Asia on Thursday morning and will be met on the wharf by the Committee of the Lusitano Billiards Association and other members of the Portuguese community. A reception will be held at the Club Lusitano on the day of their arrival, at 5.30 p.m.

The fixtures for the matches are as follows: Matches at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 19; 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20; 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21; 9 p.m. on Thursday, March 22 and 6 p.m. on Friday, March 23.

Tickets for reserved seats are \$2.00 a day, on season tickets, \$3.00 for 5 days. Tickets for unreserved seats are \$1.00 a day, or season ticket, \$4.00 for 5 days. These can be had on application at the Secretary's Office, Club Lusitano, on and after Thursday.

Dinner and Concert.

A dinner will be given by the Association at the Club Lusitano on Tuesday, March 27, at 7.30 p.m. and a smoking concert will be held immediately following the dinner (about 9.15 p.m.). Prizes won at the Interport Contest and the recent Interclub Tournament will be distributed at this function.

A dance will be given by the Club de Recreio on Sunday, March 24, at 9 p.m.

The visitors will return to Shanghai on March 28, by the s.s. Empress of Asia.

DRAWN MATCH.

COMBINED SCHOOLS PLAY SAYER'S ELEVEN.

The cricket match between Mr. G. R. Sayer's team and a combined team from the Schools which took place on the Civil Service ground yesterday, resulted in a draw, after two innings had been played.

The Combined Schools batted first and made 118 runs, of which D. T. Anderson contributed 44 and G. Lee 23. W. C. Hung took five wickets for 22 runs.

In reply, Mr. Sayer's team scored 109, of which O. Moor contributed 40 and A. T. Lee 20. R. Lee took 7 wickets for fourteen runs.

In the second innings the Schools scored 67, W. H. Kwan contributing 23 and Anderson 17. Sayer's team had five wickets for 74, when stumps were drawn. Moor having made 25, and Sayer being not out with 29.

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YACHTING.

LA LINDA WINS THE COMMODORE'S CUP.

There were nineteen entries for the Commodore's Cup which was sailed at the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club on Saturday afternoon. The course was from the Club house to Channel Rocks (F), East Rock Buoy (S), Kowloon Rock (S), Mark on Line (F), and Channel Rocks (S). Distance 9.7 miles.

The following were the results of the race:

Handicap and One Design Class.	Fin. Time	Cor. Time
Diana (9)	4.04.32	4.02.55
Colleen (3)	4.03.45	3.55.40
Rolla (8)	4.01.23	4.01.23
La Linda (1)	4.00.50	3.53.33½
Argylla II (5)	4.07.02	3.57.20
Dorothea (7)	4.05.24	3.53.07½
Daphne (4)	4.16.21	3.56.57
Alisa (2)	4.18.44	3.54.20
Halcyon (6)	4.17.21	3.57.57

The six yachts mentioned first were Handicap crafts, and the other three One Design yachts.

Gael and Hayward Hays Class.

Gael and Hayward Hays Class.	Fin. Time
Gael	4.21.19
Pierrotte	4.22.55
Thecla	4.22.10
Viking	4.20.16
Joan	4.24.24
Why Wonder?	4.20.26
Wings	4.22.42
Adèle	4.26.35
Adanac	4.22.45
Lola	4.23.21

The five yachts mentioned first were Gael and the other five Hayward Hays.

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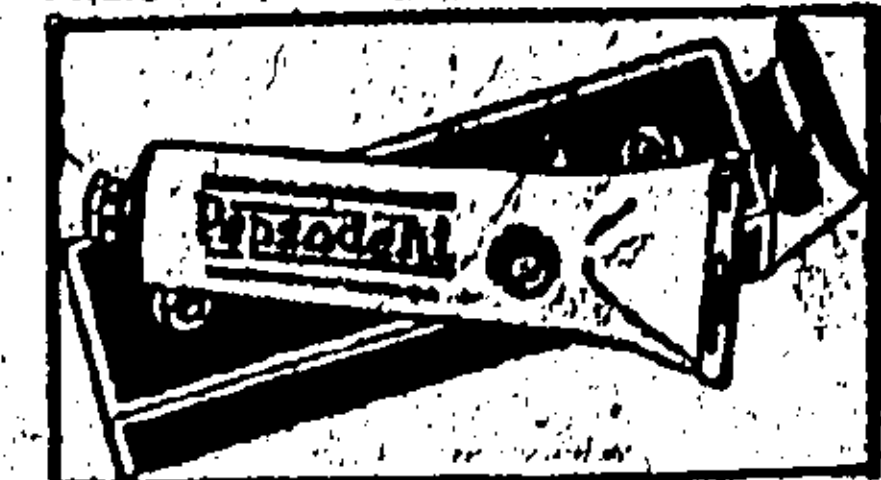
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THE METAL BOX

By THOMAS COBB.

SYNOPSIS.

FOSTER MARKWELL, who travels periodically as ship's doctor, meets and admires THERESA FEVERSHAM, niece of an American millionaire newspaper proprietor. MISS CROOM, without telling him of the contents, asks Foster, her nephew, to take charge of a metal box containing precious jewels. A few days later she is murdered. Theresa's attitude towards Foster changes suddenly, and she is obviously "fishing" for information about the jewels. She persuades him to bring the box to her flat, where he is ordered, at the point of revolver, to surrender it to a smart, red-headed young man. It, however, contains no jewels, they being safely deposited in the bank. Foster receives a visit from MONICA RAILTON, a young friend of Miss Croom. She tells him of a man named Hillyard who was at one time a lover of Miss Croom's and whom Miss Croom met again about two years before her death. One night he sent the box to her asking that she should keep it until he asked for it, giving it to no one else.

Hillyard's messenger was named REDPATH and Foster decides to call on him. Passing the Capital Hotel he sees Theresa, and speaking to her, learns that her uncle is in England. She is obviously ashamed of herself.

Redpath tells Foster that Hillyard stole the jewels from Lady Parkinson but died. Then Redpath went to Park Lane to claim the reward, but was stopped by a "red-haired young swell" whom he supposed to be the son, who heard the story and threatened to hand him to the police. Monica tells Foster that he should go to Scotland Yard and tell them what he knows.

CHAPTER XI.

REDPATH'S REVELATION.

Foster was advised by a loafer at the open door to go upstairs to the top landing if he wanted Mr. Redpath, and he soon found it necessary to mount cautiously on account of damaged treads and missing balustrades. One or two doors were open as he passed, dishevelled heads being thrust out as though there were a certain curiosity concerning the intruder.

As Foster reached the top, he stumbled over a loose board, whereupon a short, round-backed man came out of the room on the right. There was not enough light to enable him to be seen very clearly, and any way it would have been difficult to judge his age. He wore a loose, long overcoat with gaping front pockets, and a short, unkempt grey beard, and seemed unwilling to look into Foster's face. He had a furtive, shifty expression, and an odd way of moving his hands as if he were rubbing something between his thumb and finger tips. "Mr. Redpath?" said Foster.

"What about it?" was the surly answer.

"You know a man named Hillyard, I believe?"

"If I do, it's my business," said Redpath.

"I want to ask you one or two questions about him," said Foster, standing by a grimy window which overlooked the roofs of kindred houses. Although one of the panes was broken the air was foetid and oppressive.

"It don't follow I'm going to answer."

"If you refuse I shall go at once to Scotland Yard," said Foster, and Redpath seemed to cringe at the threat. "About that metal box you took to Baynton Crescent, Haverstock Hill, two years ago?"

"Ah," exclaimed Redpath, and Foster fancied he looked relieved. "Jim Hillyard was one of the best—Flash Jim, we called him. Saved my girl's life, he did! There was a fire in the middle of the night where I lived before I came here, and Jim put a towel over his mouth and came to the room, and carried Polly out. There was nothing I wouldn't have done for him for a long time."

"Had he been already formed his opinion about the man, who so inconspicuously appeared to have been Miss Croom's lover many years ago."

"Twelve months for a job at Brixton," said Redpath. "And he hadn't been out long when he came to me here in a galloway hurry with that box. A pal of his had been nabbed, name of Lusk, and Jim knew that meant his turn wouldn't be long a coming. 'Reddy,' he says, 'you owe me something. Now's your chance. He gave me a bit of paper with an address on it.'"

"Miss Croom's?" suggested Foster.

"That's right. I was to say Mr. Hillyard had gone off sudden to America, and would she take care of some important papers till he fetched them himself."

"You knew better," said Foster. "You knew they were not papers."

"I did as he told me," answered Redpath doggedly. "And I haven't seen him since."

"Of course," said Foster. "There was no question of his going to America?"

"He got three years—"

"For stealing that box?"

"He'd been a bit unlucky—him and Lusk. They'd been disturbed and pretty near done a cove in."

"Where did he get the box?"

Foster insisted.

"Better ask me another," said Redpath, eyeing his questioner askant. "I dunnow."

"You can make a pretty good guess," urged Foster.

"I knew," Redpath continued, with evident reluctance, "he'd had his eye on Lady Parkinson. He'd seen her getting into her car and said what a sin it was for any woman to have so many diamonds."

I guessed Jim meant to have a go at 'em, though it wasn't what you'd call his line. When I heard her jewel case had been copped at Waterloo, I soon tumbled, and I know there was a fortune in that box. What was there to hinder me from having a bit, if it had been anyone else that gave it to me. But Jim Hillyard saved my gal's life, you see."

"Then," suggested Foster, "he wasn't suspected of the jewel robbery?"

"He wasn't charged, anyhow. As simple as A.B.C. Lady Parkinson was on the platform and the maid stood beside her with the jewel case. Next to her was a man dressed up to the nines, smoking a peculiar sort of cigarette. That was Jim. Sudden-like he blows a white straight in the young woman's face. When she started back, raising her hand to her eyes, he snatched the case."

"Of course," said Foster, "you have heard of Miss Croom's murder?"

"Ah, a bad job that," murmured Redpath.

"I'm not the first person who has heard this story of yours, Redpath."

"I swear," was the answer, "I never said a blessed word to anybody till I knew Hillyard had gone wrong."

"He's dead—you're certain of that?"

"Died at Mountport just before Christmas," said Redpath. "It couldn't make no difference to him—what I did then. A good deal to me, though. Two thousand pounds reward had been offered, but I never said a word till I knew Jim was a goner."

"What did you do then?" asked Foster.

"I found where Lady Parkinson lived and went to her house in Park Lane. A young swell was coming out, and asked what I wanted. I out with it sharp like. 'Two thousand pounds reward?' I says, and he told me to wait for him in the Park over the way. I told him what I've told you, but what was the consequence? He rounds on me. Says there wouldn't be no reward. I ought to think myself lucky he didn't hand me over to a copper."

"Well, what was your next move?" suggested Foster.

Redpath shook his head.

"No thank you," he said. "I'd done. I'm not out for trouble—never was. What'd become of the gal? I felt sorry I'd spoke, but what was the good? I just come back here, and dropped the whole blooming shoot."

Redpath was able to fix the date of his interview in Hyde Park—Monday, the seventh. And though his eyes were not what they used to be, he did his best to describe his interlocutor. A youngish man, about six and twenty, tall, with broad shoulders and hair as red as it was made.

"If you ask me," said Redpath, "he was Lady Parkinson's son. I'm told she has a son, and whoever he is I owe him one."

Having made his way safely down the crazy stairs, Foster was relieved to find himself in the open air again, and shortly after his return to Upper Baker Street, he received a second visit from Monica Railton.

She had never been afflicted with shyness and she had the most intense curiosity to learn the result of Dr. Markwell's search for Redpath. During the day she had discussed the cases in all its bearings, with Miss Tatham, the principal of the Secretarial Bureau, where Monica had learnt typing and shorthand and stayed ever since. Although Miss Tatham was twenty years older, the two were close friends, each having a room at the Roscoe Women's Club at Earl's Court. Between them they arrived at the decided opinion that it was eminently a matter for the police, moreover that Dr. Markwell would

OUR FOOTBALL COMPETITION.

PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, March 17th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on March 17th.

DIVISION I.
Bury v Wednesday.
Derby v Huddersfield.
Leicester v Everton.
West Ham v Tottenham.

DIVISION II.
Barnsley v West Brom. A.
Swansea v Chelsea.

DIVISION III.
Coventry v Brighton.
Watford v Millwall.
Walsall v Northants.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

Bo'ness v Aberdeen.
Hibernians v Rangers.
Dunfermline v Clyde.

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have gone to Scotland Yard at once, if the Feverish woman had not begged him.

Monica found that he had no objection to tell her what had passed at Little Oakham Street. As a matter of fact he felt anxious to show Theresa in a more favourable light.

"There's not much doubt," he explained, "that the man who held me up was connected in some way with Lady Parkinson. He met Redpath on her doorstep and he may be her son."

"Or he may not, Dr. Markwell," said Monica.

"I think I can find out," returned Foster. "Hillyard stole the jewels at Waterloo, and suspecting he was going to be arrested on another charge, hit upon the artful dodge of depositing them at that hairless looking little house."

"And," cried Monica, "this man, who you say may be Mr. Parkinson, knew they were there. He actually tried to get possession of them on the Monday before the murder—"

"Still," said Foster, "I can't quite imagine his getting in by the window on Thursday. A thief might have used violence, but scarcely an amateur detective, who had nothing substantial to gain."

"Don't forget that he threatened you with a revolver," Monica insisted. "A man who would do that would do anything, and as I said yesterday, there's no doubt what you ought to do. You should go at once to Scotland Yard."

(To be continued.)

(The characters in this story are entirely imaginary and no reference to living persons is intended.)

HOME FOOTBALL.

HEAVY SCORING IN SOME MATCHES.

The full results of Saturday's Home football as cabled by Reuter are as follows:

Division I.	
Blackburn	2 Liverpool
Birmingham	4 Sheffield U.
Bolton	1 Arsenal
Cardiff	3 Leicester
Everton	0 Portsmouth
Huddersfield	4 Sunderland
Manchester U.	1 West Ham
Middlesbrough	6 Bury
Newcastle	7 Aston Villa
Nottingham	5 Burnley
Tottenham	1 Derby C.

Division II.	
Blackpool	2 Hull
Bristol	2 Barnsley
Chelsea	2 Preston
Clapton	1 Swansea
Grimby	2 Notts Forest
Notts County	4 S. Shields
Oldham	1 Leeds
Reading	1 Manchester C.
Southampton	1 Port Vale
Stoke	2 Wolves
West Brom	4 Fulham

Division III (South).	
Brantford	3 Newport
Bournemouth	2 Coventry
Brighton	0 Gillingham
Crystal Pal.	2 Watford
Exeter	2 Charlton
Luton	2 Swindon
Millwall	0 Merthyr
Northampton	2 Plymouth
Norwich	2 Walsall
Southend	3 Bristol R.
Torquay	0

Division III (North).	
Harrow	2 New Brighton
Bradford	2 Crowe
Chesterfield	3 Ashington
Durham	1 Doncaster
Nelson	1 Lincoln
Rochdale	0 Hartlepool
Rotherham	2 Wigan
Southport	3 Bradford C.
Stockport	2 Halifax
Tranmere	1 Darlington
Wrexham	0

Scottish League.	
Aberdeen	3 Partick
Airdrieonians	0 Celtic
Clyde	2 Queen's Park
Cowdenbeath	1 Motherwell
Dundee	4 Hibernians
Hamilton	2 St. Mirren
Hearts	1 Falkirk
Kilmarnock	1 Dunfermline
Rangers	4 Bo'ness
St. Johnstone	0

Matches postponed.

FULL LEAGUE TABLES.

Huddersfield One Point in Front of Everton.

Division I.	
Huddersfield	30 17 5 8 72 49 30
Everton	31 14 10 7 76 52 38
Cardiff	32 14 8 10 60 51 35
Leicester	31 14 7 10 71 50 35
Bolton	32 14 7 11 64 50 35
Blackburn	31 13 9 4 47 51 35
Newcastle	31 12 9 10 65 55 35
Burnley	33 14 4 15 61 73 32
Liverpool	32 13 5 13 62 63 31
Tottenham	32 10 12 68 67 30
Middlesbrough	32 14 2 16 55 63 30
Bury	29 11 8 10 64 63 30
Arsenal	32 9 12 11 64 62 30
Derby	31 11 7 13 69 62 29
Sunderland	29 11 7 11 67 57 29
Aston Villa	30 12 5 13 60 69 29
West Ham	31 10 7 13 68 65 27
Manchester U.	31 10 7 14 50 73 27
Portsmouth	30 9 7 14 52 66 26
Sheff. U.	30 9 10 15 54 63 22
Wednesday	30 9 10 15 54 63 22

Division II.	
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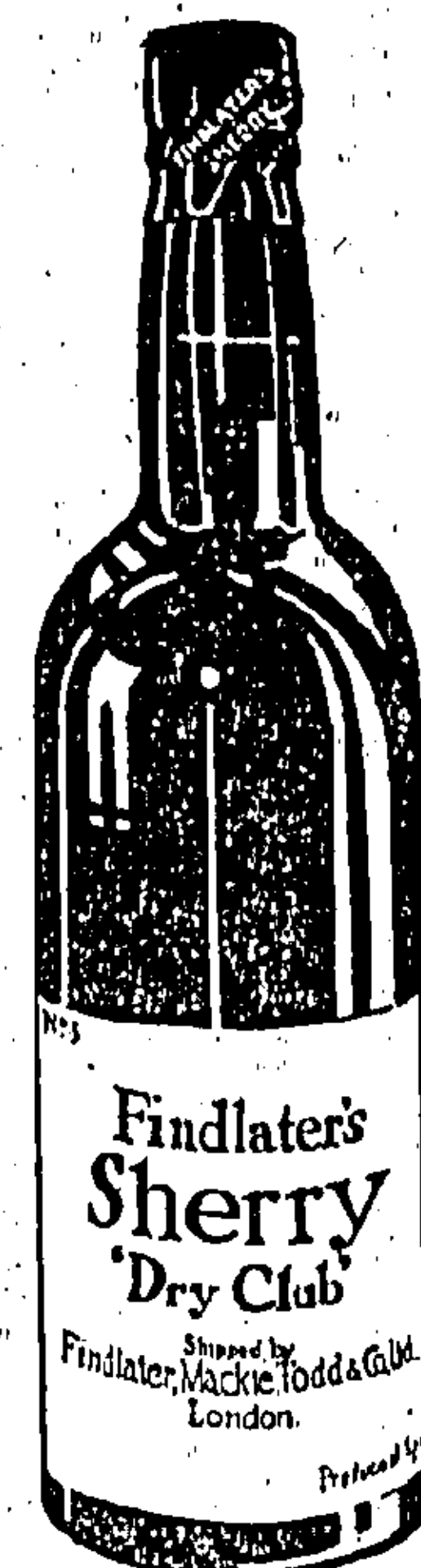
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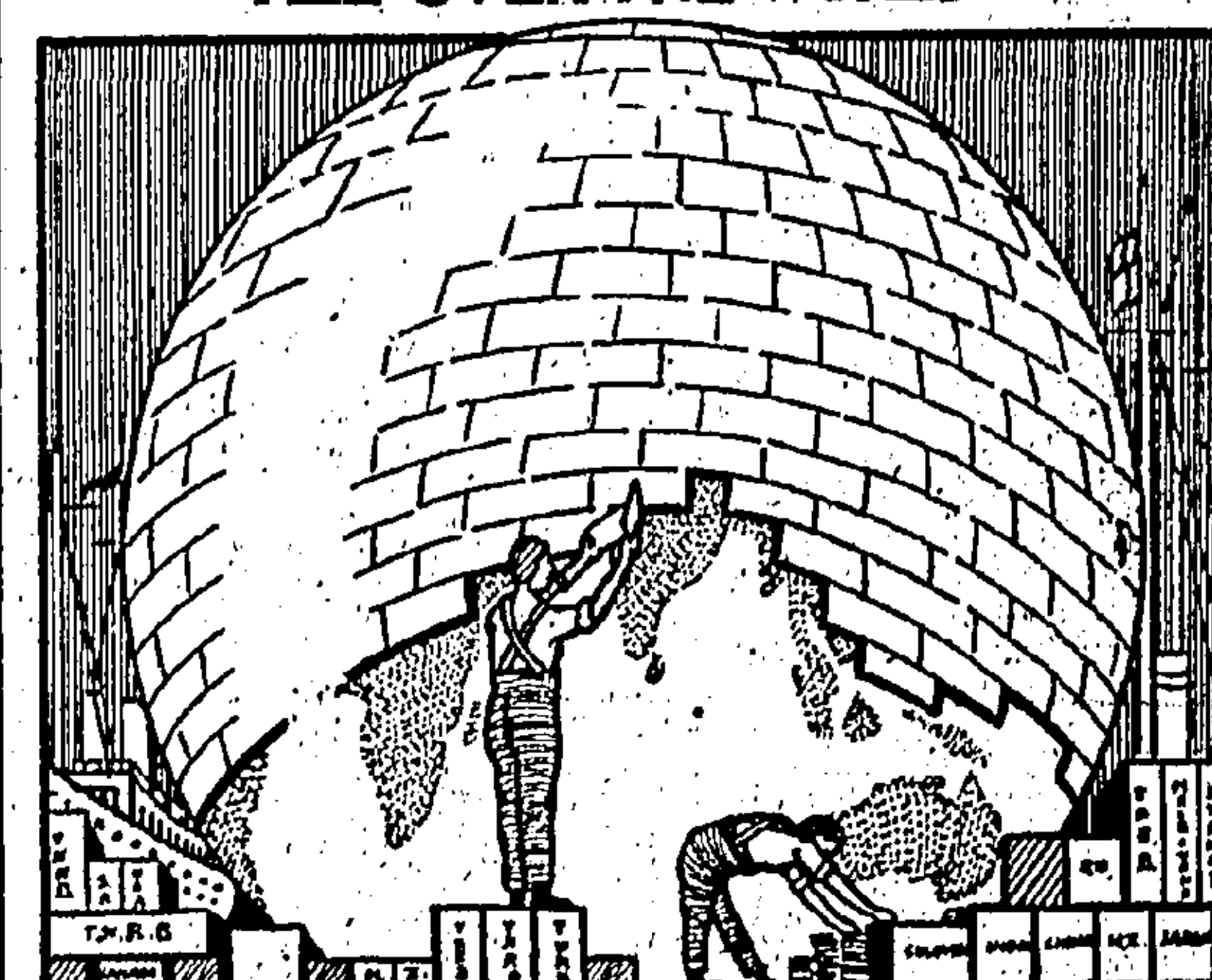
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JEYPORE	5,318	19th May	Marseilles & London
MALWA	10,986	26th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	M'son, L'don, A'werp & Hull
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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LAHORE	5,252	24th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TAKADA	6,949	28th Mar.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	3rd Apr.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
TALAMBA	8,018	11th Apr.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
JEYPORE	5,318	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TILAWA	10,006	21st Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
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CARRYING OPIUM.**JUDGMENT ON IMPORTANT POINT POSTPONED.**

On February 2, Revenue Officers
boarding the s.s. Hoi Cheong seized
335 tins of raw and prepared opium,
and the question of assignment of
responsibility, whether on the owners
or on the charterers of the vessel,
cropped up as a knotty legal point
during proceedings instituted before
Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central
Magistrate's Court, Saturday morning.

Chan Kai-yue, the master, and the
Hoi On Steamship Company, the
owners of the vessel, were separately
summoned for allowing the vessel to
be used for the smuggling of opium,
and it was argued by Mr. M. M.
Watson, on behalf of the owners, that
the latter were not responsible in
view of the fact that the Hoi Cheong,
at the time of the alleged offence, was
chartered to and was under the complete
control of the Chung Yick
Steamship Company.

His Worship reserved his decision
on this point, but fined the master
\$250 in recording an offence.

At a previous hearing, Senior
Revenue Officer, George West, in
describing the opium find, said he
discovered an apparently recently
constructed cabin built over a trap
door which, in its turn, gave access
to a small hold where the opium was
subsequently found.

It is interesting to observe that the
Hoi Cheong has since been attacked
by pirates, as reported in another
column.

THRILLING RESCUE.**SHIPWRECKED IN A SNOWSTORM.**

New York, Mar. 10.
Anxious hours were passed by 150
passengers and 113 members of the
crew of an American steamer, the
Robert E. Lee, which was wrecked on
the rocks near Plymouth, Mass.,
on Friday night, in a
heavy snow storm.

The first news of the steamer's peril
was an S. O. S. received by the Navy
Yard, stating that the ship was break-
ing up fast and immediate assistance
was required.

The United States Coast Guard
vessels vainly tried for hours to
manoeuvre alongside the steamer, but
rough seas and sunken reefs prevented
them. Finally, surf boats managed
to reach the wreck, but the Captain,
finding the danger was not so great
as at first thought, decided to await
daylight before undertaking the
dangerous task of transferring the
passengers.

The first surf boat, returning to
shore without passengers, overturned
and four men were drowned. Sub-
sequently the weather moderated and
all the passengers were safely landed
in surf boats.—*Reuter's American
Service.*

SOVIET GOLD.**FRANCE CHAINS DEPOSIT IN AMERICA.**

New York, Mar. 10.
The Bank of France has begun
a suit for the possession of
G\$5,000,000 deposited with the
Chase National Bank, alleging that
it deposited an equal sum in the
State Bank of Russia before the
Soviet Revolution.—*Reuter.*

[A previous message reported
that the U.S. Treasury had declined
to accept for assaying gold bul-
lion, valued at G\$5,000,000, recent-
ly shipped to America by the Sov-
iet Government and consigned to
the Chase National Bank and the
Equitable Trust Company.]

ARMS FOR CHINA.**REQUEST FROM THE DIPLOMATIC BODY.**

Peking, Mar. 10.
At a meeting of the Diplomatic
Body it was decided to telegraph
the following to the various Gov-
ernments: "In view of the con-
tinued internal wars in China
which are now practically spread
over the whole country and with
the view of making the Arms
Embargo of 1919 more effective
foreign Diplomatic representa-
tives once more draw the atten-
tion of their respective Gov-
ernments to the importance of
that agreement and of prohibiting
the exportation of arms and am-
munition from or through their ter-
ritories to China. They therefore
express the conviction that those
Powers who have not taken any
measures in this respect should be
induced to do so as soon as pos-
sible."

The arms embargo telegram was
signed by the entire Diplomatic
Body regardless of whether their
Governments were party to the
Arms Embargo of 1919.
Czechoslovakia is not a mem-
ber of the Diplomatic Body, and
has not, therefore, participated.
However, it is believed in Lega-
tion circles that they and also
Russia will be approached and
asked to subscribe to the Arms
Agreement.—*Reuter.*

GENERAL DUNCAN.**AUDIENCE WITH THE KING.**

London, Mar. 10.
His Majesty the King to-day re-
ceived General Duncan, Comman-
der of the Shanghai Defence Force,
and conferred a knighthood upon
him.—*British Wireless.*

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The King at Buckingham Palace
conferred on Major General Dun-
can the insignia of the K.C.B. His
Majesty received Gen. Duncan
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quarter of an hour on the situation
in China, particularly in Shang-
hai.—*Reuter.*

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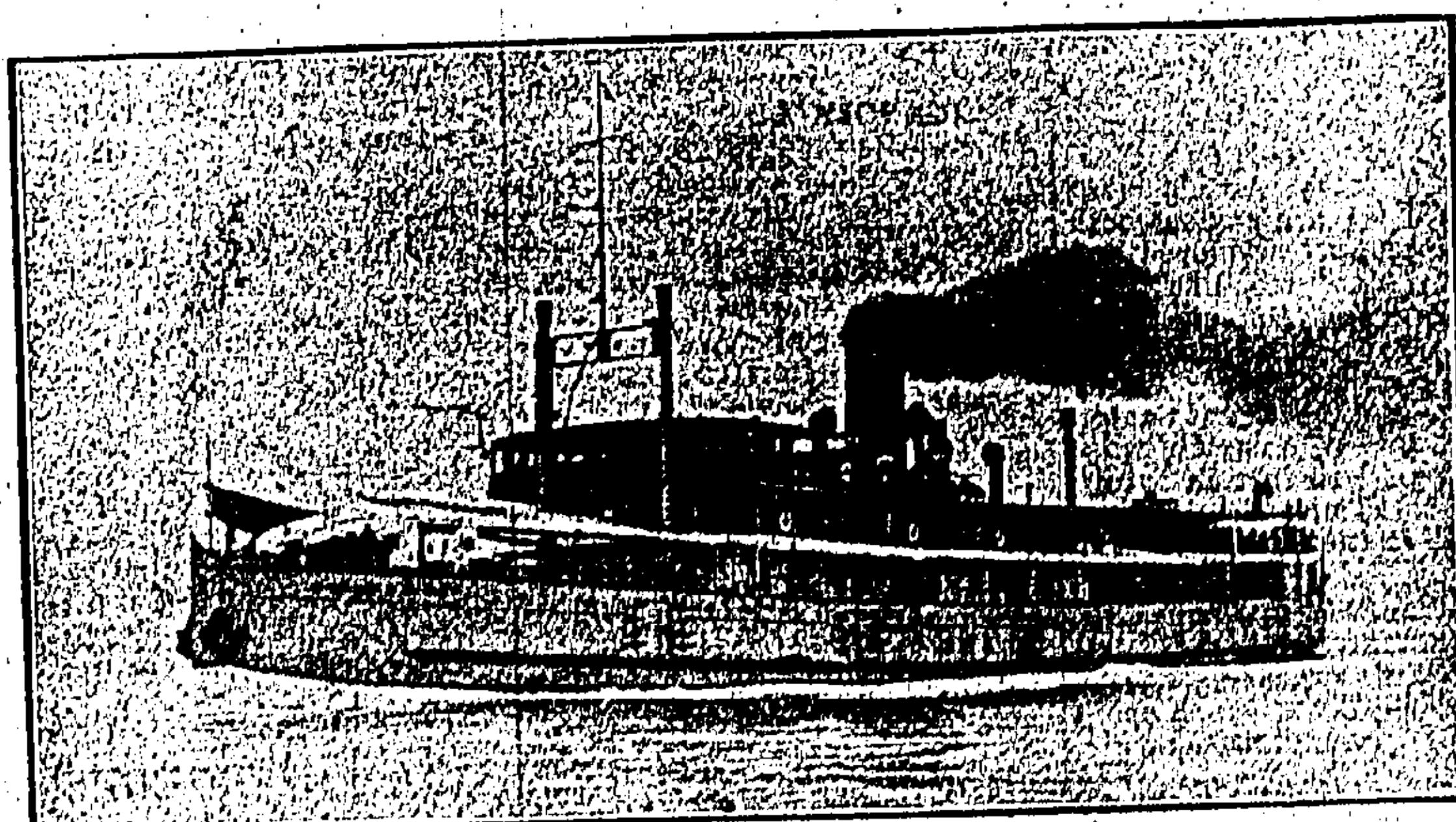
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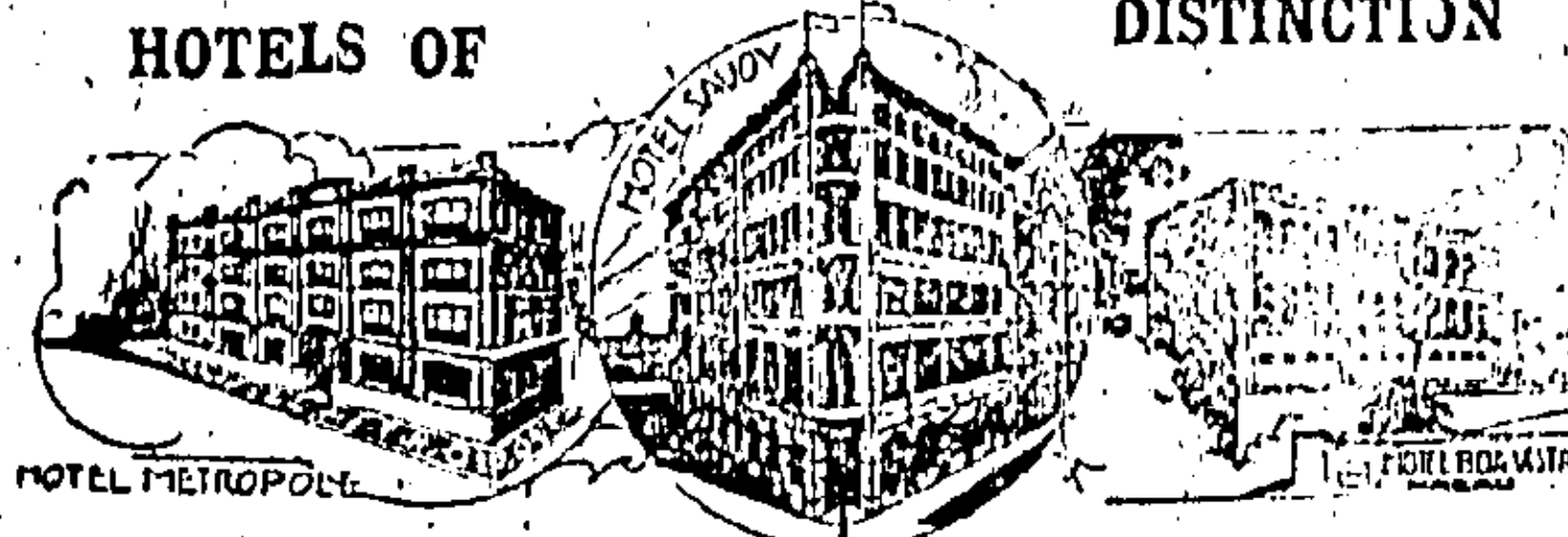
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H. E. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICIAL VISIT TO CANTON.



H. E. the Governor of Hongkong is here seen with Marshal Li Chai-sum inspecting the
troops just after making his official landing in Canton on Friday.
A. J. L. Whyte (His Excellency's A.D.C.) and Marshal Li's A.D.C.

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Shikwan Railway should be extended to meet the railway which already runs from Hankow to Chuchow in Hunan province. Now, if that is to be done, the gap of about five miles which at present exists between the Kowloon-Canton Railway and the railway from Canton to Shikwan should be filled without delay, because in order to construct the railway northward from Shikwan large quantities of plant and materials will have to be brought from overseas and sent up to the head.

If the plant and materials can be put ashore from steamers at Kowloon and carried straight on without further handling from that point to Shikwan, obviously there will be economy and speed in construction. There is, moreover, the obvious and immediate advantage that you will connect a hundred miles of railway already completed between Canton and Kowloon with the existing railway to Shikwan, and you will thus have a long haul instead of the present short hauls. This could not fail to bring additional revenue in freight and passenger traffic to both lines.

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No Rivalry.

We in Hongkong believe that the fortunes of Canton and Hongkong are most intimately connected, and that what is good for Hongkong trade will improve the trade of Canton and vice versa. There is no rivalry between the two ports, but the one is complementary to the other. Nature has provided Hongkong with a deep sea port, but a port for shallow draft steamers only at Whampoa. That port we are anxious to see developed, and shall be very willing to assist in its development, as well as in the conservancy of the river, which is of the utmost importance to Canton and also to Hongkong. But you cannot, under modern conditions, develop a port unless you also give it railway facilities; and, therefore, if you wish to develop Whampoa, you must connect it with a railway, and the obvious railway to connect it with is the Kowloon-Canton Railway which actually passes Whampoa. If you want to send goods from Whampoa by rail to Hankow, you can only do so by building the five miles of loop-line railway between Tai-sha-lau and Wot-sha.

It is for these reasons that we in Hongkong are anxious both to see Whampoa developed and also to see this loop-line built. The matter has been so much misrepresented that, as I have this opportunity of addressing a very representative gathering of Canton merchants, I wish to explain what our position is, so that in future there may be no misunderstanding. I leave the matter now to your judgment.

Aviation Services.

There is a further point in connection with communications which I should like to touch upon; and that is communication by air. Now, whereas in Europe there has long been a highly developed railway system and there are now also very extensive motor roads, in China the railway system is far less advanced and there are hardly any motor roads. This fact is in a sense now an advantage to China, because you have not sunk so much money either in railways or in motor roads as we have in Europe, and therefore you can

develop your airways with a heart and without injury to vested interests.

We hope very much in Hongkong to see the development of commercial aviation in China, particularly in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. If we had civil aviation between Hongkong and Canton, merchants here could travel between the two places in an hour, spend the whole day on their business, and return home in the evening. There are already aerodromes in Canton and in Hongkong, and I hope that soon an Anglo-Chinese company may be formed for the purpose of commercial aviation in the Liang Kwang provinces.

Another thing that would be a great advantage is the development of wireless telegraphy. There are now inventions which enable you to send photographic telegrams. From the point of view of transmitting Chinese ideograms this would be a great advantage, and I hope to see it developed. Photo-telegraphy already exists between Peking and Mukden.

Excessive Taxation.

I now pass lastly to the subject of taxation, and I wish to remind you in this connection that taxation is, of course, in all cases ultimately paid by the consumer. Therefore, there is a point at which excessive taxation defeats its own ends. Beyond that point it produces no revenue to the Government and merely destroys trade. In this matter foreign merchants are perfectly willing to come to the help of the Chinese authorities and pay fair taxation—higher taxation than they pay today—but the other side of the picture is that they must be relieved of the unlawful and petty impositions which in many cases are not levied by the Government at all, but which are extorted by local pirates and brigands who seize the goods in transit. I was told, for instance, by a gentleman who lives in Tong-ka-tsun which is not very far from Macao, that on a pair of shoes made in Tong-ka-tsun and sent to Canton duty had to be paid no less than thirty-three times on the way. That was at the beginning of that year. I have no doubt that the position has very greatly improved to-day, but it is obviously necessary for a merchant, when he sends his goods to a certain place, to know at what price he will be able to sell them when they reach their destination. Too often this is not now the case.

Improved Trade.

Well, gentlemen, I am afraid I have wearied you with a long speech and said more than it was in my mind to say when I stood up; but I have spoken with the utmost frankness because I think it is desirable that our point of view in Hongkong should be understood. We wish to help Canton. We realise that our fortunes are bound up with yours, and everything we can do to help we will do. The prospects are bright. Trade in Hongkong is getting better, and I understand from Mr. Wu that trade in Canton is also improving. We look forward to a brighter future. Given wholehearted co-operation between Hongkong and Canton, I think we shall have nothing to fear, and that the trade of these two provinces Kwangtung and Kwangsi will flourish more than it has ever flourished in the past. (Applause.)

It is the duty of a government to foster trade and to protect merchants; the Hongkong Government will do everything it possibly can to that end, and I know quite well that under Marshal Li's administration the authorities of the Liang Kwang provinces will do the same. So I ask you to drink with me to the prosperity of the Canton Chamber of Commerce, to continued and increasing co-operation between Hongkong and Canton, and to the welfare of the merchants both of Canton and of Hongkong. (Applause.)

FIENDS AT WORK IN
LEYANG.

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their party. On receiving the reply that he did not understand politics, but knew only how to plant vegetables they throw him into a manure pit and kept him there until he died.

All who could have fled, but many poor persons, including many hundreds of women could not flee fast enough and every imaginable horror has been inflicted upon their bodies.

A few days ago Pei Chung-hsi captured Leyang from the Communists, and drove them over the Kwangtung border.

PRISONER'S NAIVE
REPLY.SENT TO PRISON FOR
SHOE THEFT.

A. B. Marlow, of H.M.S. Sirdar, charged a Chinese ship's painter before Major C. Wilson this morning with the theft of a pair of shoes.

Another bluejacket from the same ship, Landing Seaman J. W. G. Robinson, stated that his attention was drawn to the fact that defendant had taken a pair of shoes off the rack and had put them on, over his own shoes.

A report was made to the Officer of the Day, and later the Royal Naval Yard Police were sent for. Defendant pleading "not guilty" said if he had any dishonest intentions, he would have selected a better pair than those in respect of which he was charged.

His story was not believed, a sentence of fourteen days' hard labour being inflicted.

INSURANCE COMPANY
DIVIDEND.RECOMMENDATIONS TO
ANNUAL MEETING.

We are officially informed that the General Managers and Consulting Committee of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., will recommend at the forthcoming Meeting of Shareholders to be held on 26th instant, the payment out of the profits for the year 1926 of a dividend of \$43.00 per share absorbing \$344,000.00; to pass \$25,000.00 to credit of Sterling Reserve, \$100,000.00 to credit of Silver Reserve and \$5,287.75 to credit of Reinsurance Fund, carrying forward \$702,865.11 in respect of the year 1927.

LOAN FOR CANTON?

\$7,000,000 FROM HONGKONG
MENTIONED.

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
The semi-official Japanese news agency, Toho, issues a telegram from its Hongkong correspondent saying it is rumoured that the British authorities in Hongkong may loan the Canton Government \$7,000,000 to complete the Hukwang Railway.—Reuter.

FOUR POWERS CONFER.

DISCUSSIONS ON TANGIER
QUESTION.

London, Mar. 11.
The British Government have accepted the invitation of the French and Spanish Governments to send experts to the Four-Power discussions on Tangier, in Paris on March 15th.—British Wireless.

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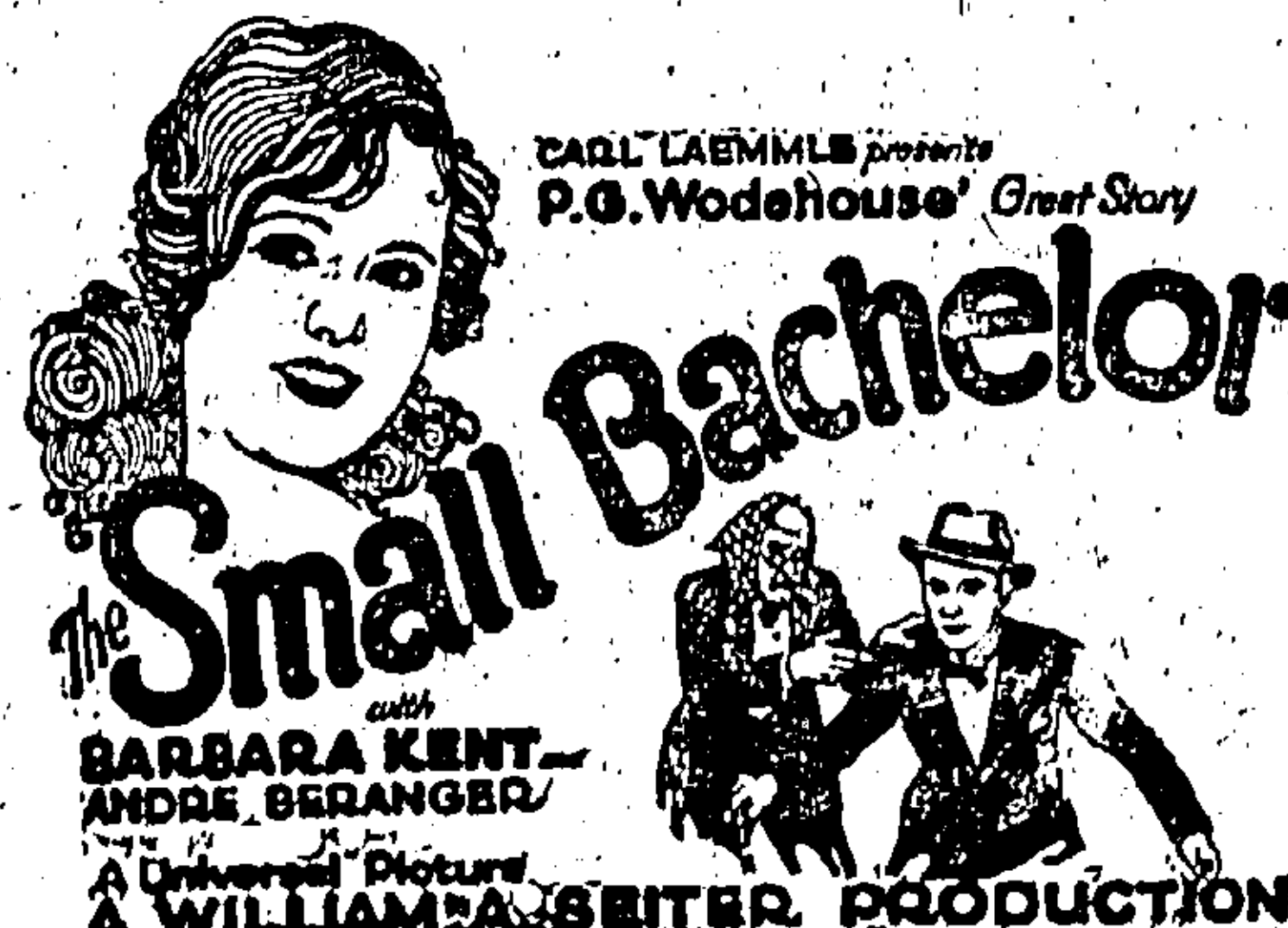
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